

## ECONOMIC RESILIENCY

Community Health Councils (CHC) is a non-profit, community-based research, policy, and capacity building organization that leads local economy building efforts. Economic shocks, such as recessions or a global pandemic, have had long-lasting impacts on the communities we serve. CHC seeks to understand the economic forces affecting South Los Angeles (South LA) families, to better prepare the community to withstand, recover, and ultimately avoid economic hardships. Our economic resiliency programs are developed in response to community needs, using non-extractive economic models.

In February 2021, CHC engaged several thousand residents of South LA and Compton to identify the issues they wanted to prioritize for investment. The number one issue selected was employment and fair wages, followed by early childhood education and food insecurity.

## CHC'S DIRECT AND INDIRECT IMPACT ON SOUTH LA AND BEYOND

CHC's local economic building efforts have four outcomes: job creation, investment, new goods and services, and wealth generation for current residents. Each initiative is the result of strategic planning and analysis of our community and best practices from tried initiatives. CHC's targets for the next three years are expected to yield the following outcomes: (1) 100 new jobs, (2) \$10 million of new investment in South LA, (3) 10 new sources of produce and healthy food, (4) move 100 Black and Brown women out of poverty and onto the path to prosperity.

## CHC LEADS LOCAL ECONOMY BUILDING EFFORTS

CHC leads seven local economy building efforts to improve the socio-economic conditions of South LA residents. Collectively, the projects function as an ecosystem and include initiatives designed to create and keep wealth in South LA.

### South Los Angeles Food Tech Hub

A place-based, hydroponic-centered approach to address food scarcity by establishing food related micro businesses and increasing the food distribution capacity of our partners, Seeds of Hope and SEE-LA.

### Hydropod

Off-the-shelf hydroponic pod that families can use to grow produce for their consumption or sell to generate income.

### Coalition on Economic Resiliency (CoER)

A think/do tank that convenes local leaders and changemakers from private and public sectors to discuss and activate place-based strategies that will increase the economic resilience of the community.

### Social Enterprise Platform

CHC's virtual platform designed to support entrepreneurs aligned with its mission support its endowment. The platform builds on CHC's expertise in economic development, management, impact measurement, and strategic planning to provide catalytic support to high impact projects in and for South LA.

### Guaranteed Basic Income

Financial support and education for BIPOC mothers in South LA, with the intent of improving the mental and physical health of women and their children, while contributing to the local community ecosystem.

### Los Angeles County Initiative for Inclusive Small Business (IISB)

Forged by data and strong partnerships, the IISB responds to the continued impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the region's small business ecosystem. With more than 45 small business and community leaders, the assessment proposes a path towards addressing historical barriers that have limited access to entrepreneurial opportunities for business owners of color.

### Leading for Equity in Entrepreneurship Accelerator & Fellowship

The LEEAF Accelerator provides direct, intensive support to a cohort of 60 BIPOC women entrepreneurs, including a LEEAF Fellow embedded with their business over the accelerator year. The program is a collaboration between CHC, CSU Los Angeles and the Los Angeles Regional Small Business Development Center Network.