



THE KRESGE FOUNDATION

Health PROGRAM

We help build equity-focused systems of health that create opportunities for all people to achieve well-being.

Everyone deserves the opportunity to have a healthy life, regardless of race, gender or income.

At The Kresge Foundation, we recognize that the path to creating healthier communities involves aligning and integrating systems to better serve the health of people with low incomes. It requires a commitment to building equity-focused systems of health that create opportunities for all people to achieve well-being.

To help achieve health equity for people with low incomes in America's cities, our Health Program works across sectors to influence institutions, advance policies and develop leaders with the ability to transform systems. We partner with communities to make sure that people have access to safe, affordable housing, fresh food, clean air, primary care and economic opportunities. Improving these conditions promotes health equity among people in low-income neighborhoods and improves the health of entire communities.

We invest through these focus areas:

Integration of Health and Human Services

In partnership with the Human Services Program, we create more seamless, effective and sustainable systems that advance social and economic mobility and improve the health and well-being of people and communities in cities across the country.

Institutional Investments in Community Health

We aim to influence the investment policies and practices of institutions to create equitable and sustainable economies that contribute to healthy communities. We also build the capacity of community-based organizations to absorb and deploy investments.

Community-Driven Solutions

We partner with communities to drive locally determined solutions and policies that influence systems, services and practices and create equitable conditions that improve well-being.

KEY INITIATIVES

ADVANCING HEALTH EQUITY THROUGH HOUSING

Advancing Health Equity through Housing

Through grants to advance

health equity through housing, Kresge supports approaches that identify and accelerate community-led policy and system changes to better connect the health and housing sectors and reduce the harmful physical and mental health impacts of displacement, segregation and gentrification on people with low incomes living in America's cities.

CLIMATE CHANGE, HEALTH & EQUITY INITIATIVE

Climate Change, Health & Equity

Kresge's Environment and Health Programs partnered

on the Climate Change, Health & Equity initiative which includes:

- Supporting community-based nonprofit organizations and their capacity to implement policies and practices that advance climate resilience and reduce health risks equitably;
- Building the capacity of health systems and local health departments as leaders in promoting climate resilience and advocating for beneficial climate policies; and
- Shifting the practice of health practitioners so they engage in climate advocacy, influence public policy and consider climate change in their practice.



EMERGING LEADERS IN PUBLIC HEALTH

Emerging Leaders in Public Health (ELPH)

The ELPH program equips

local public health officers with knowledge and skills to transform the role of public health in their community. The teams of leaders selected for the program receive leadership development, coaching and resources to advance new models of public health services and cross-sector partnerships for their community.



FRESHLO® Fresh, Local & Equitable

Fresh, Local & Equitable (FreshLo)

The Kresge Health and Arts & Culture Programs

collaborated to fund neighborhood-scale projects demonstrating creative, cross-sector visions of food-oriented development through the FreshLo initiative. FreshLo projects intentionally integrate healthy food, creative placemaking, community development and equity in their work.

For more information, visit kresge.org/programs/health.



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