Project Summary
The branding initiative will create a cohesive visual identity for the Green Line South area throughout Washington Park and Woodlawn to coordinate development strategies, improve services, and attract residents and businesses.

Opportunity
Emerald South Economic Development Collaborative is seeking funding for placemaking features, physical markers, memorialized plaques and art installations.

Challenge
There are stigmas of high crime, poverty, low-performing schools and few retail amenities, which have driven out some residents and discouraged newcomers.

Engagement
Since 2018, Creative Grounds, an initiative of Borderless Studio, has been working with artists, architects, designers, students, and local residents to activate different spaces in the school with site-specific temporary projects exploring the intersections of memory, inclusion, and equity.

Impact
• Increased new businesses
• Decreased storm-water flooding
• Increased participation in arts and culture programs

Financial Information
(Total development cost, potential sources, sponsors and key partners)
The total development cost is $133K.
Potential sources and key partners include:

Sunshine Enterprises
South East Chicago Commission
Arts + Public Life
University of Chicago
Kresge Foundation

Fifth Third Bank
Rebuild Foundation
National Association of Minority Contractors
Coleman Foundation
Project Summary
The Land Trust is a scalable, multi-pronged strategy that will preserve the stock of naturally occurring affordable housing in the target area by creating a competitive, self-regenerating acquisition fund, rehabbing multi-family buildings, and cultivating a pipeline for low-to-moderate income families.

Opportunity
LUCHA is seeking to preserve affordable homeownership and rental opportunities in west Logan Square and Hermosa through seed acquisition and rehabilitation of several of its initial properties.

Challenge
The northwest regions along Chicago’s Blue Line transit stations and westbound along The 606 elevated trail have experienced severe gentrification, which has led to widespread economic distress, health disparities and racial inequities.

Engagement
The vision for this work the result of community engagement led by four organizations: LUCHA, Logan Square Neighborhood Association, Center for Changing Lives and Spanish Coalition for Housing. Together, these groups have a collective reach of over 26,500 community members.

Impact
- Increased access to hospitals and local health centers
- Increased access to wealth generation for residents of color
- Decreased annual household energy costs

Financial Information
(Total development cost, potential sources, sponsors and key partners)
The total development cost is $2 million.
Potential sources and key partners include:
Associated Bank
Chicago Community Trust
Wintrust Bank
Enterprise Community Partners
Project Summary
Latinos Progresando’s new resource center will serve as a community hub, providing access to immigration legal services, behavioral mental health screening and treatment, and trauma-informed group counseling sessions for all ages, along with a robust referral system.

Opportunity
To create the new center, Latinos Progresando is seeking to acquire and renovate a vacant, former public library building and to catalyze an innovative model of community health service delivery on Chicago’s southwest side.

Challenge
Local immigrant residents face a considerable number of challenges including limited income, language barriers, domestic violence, community safety, lack of insurance, traumatic experiences and immigration status.

Engagement
Latinos Progresando held placemaking and activation events at the community center development site, engaging hundreds of residents and multiple organizational partners. They’ve also hosted two community listening/learning sessions with adults and one with youth residents.

Impact
• Increased health equity outcomes for residents of color
• Increased cultural resilience
• Improved neighborhood walkability

Financial Information
(Total development cost, potential sources, sponsors and key partners)
The total development cost is $2.5 million. Potential sources and key partners include:
• IFF
• Neighborhood Opportunity Fund
• Enterprise Community Partners
Project Summary
Garfield Green is a new, 40- to 80-unit housing development (previously known as C40); it is being developed by Preservation of Affordable Housing (POAH) at Kedzie and Fifth Avenues, along a City of Chicago-designated “Resilient Corridor.”

Opportunity
The Garfield Park Community Council is seeking support for barriers to community ownership and the formation of community housing coalition (comprised of residents, churches and activists) to engage with housing plans and developments.

Challenge
Area residents – many of whom are low-income – are facing displacement pressures as a result of home prices in East Garfield Park surging in the dozen years since the housing crash. Residents’ quality of life also is affected by a lack of job opportunities and concerns over safety and violence. The poverty rate is at 44%.

Engagement
East Garfield Park residents have been involved in Garfield Green’s design and development through a series of community meetings and subcommittee meetings to develop affordable housing priorities.

Impact
- Create 40-80 housing units
- Increase community ownership of the development
- Decrease carbon emissions

Financial Information
(Total development cost, potential sources, sponsors and key partners)
The total development cost is $22 million. Potential sources and key partners include the Institute for Sustainable Communities, supporting planning and community outreach.
Project Summary
1. Homan Harrison mixed-use project (new construction of transit-oriented development project at a gateway intersection)
2. Affordable rental housing units (construction of 50-60 new units of affordable housing on vacant lots acquired through the Cook County Land Bank and City of Chicago)
3. Small business pop-up market (placemaking project including art installations, performing arts and retail space)

Opportunity
The Foundation for Homan Square is seeking to transform public, urban space with community-driven plans by developing affordable housing for current and new residents, and providing opportunities for retail entrepreneurs to launch or expand their businesses.

Challenge
The area has faced population loss, as residents relocate due to a lack of opportunities, concerns regarding safety and violence, and related issues. This has led to disinvestment in infrastructure, including streets and transit stations.

Engagement
In the process of creating the Homan Square Strategic Plan, the Foundation for Homan Square and IFF created a community advisory council to ensure and institutionalize community voice in crafting the vision for Homan Square’s future. IFF staff have also held capacity-building workshops.

Impact
Increased walkability; increased sense of community cohesion; decreased carbon emissions

Financial Information
(Total development cost, potential sources, sponsors and key partners)

The total development cost for each project is:
- Homan Harrison mixed-use project, $4 million
- Affordable rental housing units, $17 million
- Pop-up market, $105,000 (Note: Equity Forward grant recipient)

Potential sources and key partners include: Public Health Institute of Metropolitan Chicago (supporting walkability improvements) and the School of the Art Institute of Chicago (supporting arts & culture programming).