The Healthy Chicago 2.0 Vision

A city with strong communities and collaborative stakeholders, where all residents enjoy equitable access to resources, opportunities and environments that maximize their health and well-being.

In 2016, Mayor Rahm Emanuel and the Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH) launched Healthy Chicago 2.0, a new plan for the public health system that provides over 200 action steps to improve the health and well-being of Chicago’s residents. Healthy Chicago 2.0’s development and its eventual success are guided by four key principles:

- **Healthy Chicago 2.0 prioritizes Health Equity**, ensuring that the 200 action steps focus on neighborhoods and communities that face the greatest health disparities.

- **Healthy Chicago 2.0 is a Collaborative Effort**, providing action steps for not just CDPH but for other government agencies and community partners to work together and to improve health equity for every resident.

- **Healthy Chicago 2.0 addresses the Social Determinants of Health**, in addition to traditional health outcomes. Understanding that health is impacted by a number of factors, including economic opportunity, education and public infrastructure, Healthy Chicago 2.0 provides action steps to address these root causes of health.

- **Healthy Chicago 2.0 leverages Data and Surveillance** by making sure each goal and action step are measurable. Leveraging the annual Healthy Chicago resident survey and the Chicago Health Atlas, we can measure and share progress on an annual basis and make adjustments in the plan’s implementation to ensure its greatest efficacy.

Aligning with HC 2.0

For research projects to align with HC 2.0, the following criteria should be considered:

- Projects address health equity within the framework of high hardship and low childhood opportunity areas (if applicable),
- Projects specifically reference an objective in the plan and showing how it will move the objective forward,
- Additional preference may be given for projects that address a specific strategy listed in the plan,
- Projects are informed by data from HC 2.0 metrics and/or the Chicago Health Atlas.