

**Healthy Lakewood Foundation**  
**Project Examples Based on Social Determinants of Health Funding Model**

HLF believes that the conditions in the communities in which we live, learn, work, play and age impact our health and well-being. These conditions are known as the **Social Determinants of Health** and include:

- The **economy** we seek to make a living in
- The **housing, neighborhoods, and environment** we live in
- The **food** we can access and afford
- The quality of **educational opportunities** available
- The **social support systems** and ways we can engage in our community
- The accessibility and quality of **health care**

Here are some **examples** of possible projects that could be proposed (**these are in no ways exclusive**):

**Economic Stability –**

- Initiatives that support economic interdependence – local buying/hiring, share/swap, co-ownership programs.
- Opportunities to learn, train and gain experience through paid internships, mentoring, job training.
- Advance small business association initiatives that support minority-owned businesses.

**Housing and Neighborhoods –**

- Park enhancements and beautification of public spaces.
- Improve housing conditions for residents with low incomes.
- Increase safety and accessibility on streets and sidewalks.
- Enhance walkability/bike-ability of neighborhoods.
- Community-based projects that support environmental protection and climate resilience.

**Education –**

- Expand literacy tutoring and programming.
- Assistance for English language learners.
- Innovative early childhood programming.
- Improve vocational/non-traditional education pathways.

**Food –**

- Expand community gardens.
- Advance school programs that address food insecurity.
- Increase access to healthy food.

**Community and Social Context –**

- Gatherings that support social and neighborhood connections.
- New communication tools to share community information.
- Civic participation and/or voter registration initiatives.
- Address discrimination and inequity in community policies.

**Health Care –**

- Culturally sensitive support services that help residents navigate and access health care.
- Mental health and other support groups that address trauma and stress.
- Programs that support better access to medical care.