

STRATEGIC GRANTMAKING: CURRENT INITIATIVES & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Strategic initiatives typically span 3-5 years of focused, targeted investment and effort with the ultimate goal of system-level refinement or change.

EDUCATION (C. Vaughn, Program Director)

Primary Initiative:

Public Charter Schools – promotion of education system reform through

- ❖ increased number of public charter schools in Orleans Parish
- ❖ assistance to charter schools in meeting operational challenges
- ❖ protection of Orleans Parish charter schools through public policy advocacy

Accomplishments to-date:

- ❖ created the Charter School Co-Op to support East Bank charter schools
- ❖ provided direct support to charter schools through mini-grants
- ❖ advocated for charter friendly public policy at the local and state level
- ❖ provided technical assistance to community groups interested in starting a charter school
- ❖ supported cost-effective shared services for special needs students in charter schools

PUBLIC SAFETY/ GOVERNMENTAL OVERSIGHT (L. LeDoux Program Director)

Primary Initiative:

Criminal Justice - facilitating and encouraging criminal justice system reform through

- ❖ supporting assessment of local criminal justice functioning in relation to national best practices and implementing recommendations
- ❖ providing technical and strategic assistance to key system elements
- ❖ infusing evidence and data-based knowledge into planning, decision-making, and implementation of change processes
- ❖ pairing capacity-building with change efforts to ensure sustainability
- ❖ encouraging reform supportive policies

Accomplishments to-date:

- ❖ completed thorough assessments of key elements of system functioning
- ❖ facilitated creation of Criminal Justice Leadership Alliance (CJLA)
- ❖ leveraged significant funds to support system operational capacity and functioning
- ❖ relevant ordinances passed in support of needed change
- ❖ retention of key stakeholder active participation and commitment

HEALTH (L. Scheer, Program Director)

Primary Initiative:

Neighborhood Clinics – facilitating and encouraging increased medical care access for medically-indigent populations through

- ❖ providing technical and strategic support for neighborhood clinic development and sustainability.

Accomplishments to-date:

- ❖ conducted Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) clinic feasibility studies
- ❖ leveraged additional support for identified clinics

Secondary Initiative:

Pre-natal Care for At-Risk Mothers – facilitating and encouraging increased support and medical care access for high-risk teen mothers through

- ❖ providing technical and strategic support for retention and expansion of the Nurse-Family Partnership program (NFP), and
- ❖ educating key stakeholders and the public about the effectiveness of NFP.

Accomplishments to-date:

- ❖ facilitated the creation of the Invest in Results Coalition
- ❖ facilitated retention of state NFP funding
- ❖ leveraged additional support from National NFP Association
- ❖ facilitated local stakeholder support of NFP expansion