



The Chicagoland Opportunity Zones Consortium facilitates connections through matchmaking, education, and technical support to attract Opportunity Zone investments that create quality jobs, build wealth, and promote equitable development in Chicago and suburban Cook County, Illinois.

The Consortium seeks to achieve five core goals:

- ***Attract Opportunity Zone Investments***: Prioritize projects that lift up priorities outlined in community plans and further public and philanthropic community investment strategies.
- ***Inform and Support Community Partners***: Arm local communities with knowledge and support a range of developers and business owners across the spectrum of experience and sophistication.
- ***Create Jobs and Build Wealth***: Prioritize projects that create quality jobs for local community residents and that result in the local developer or business owner sharing in the financial upside and/or tapping into local vendors to spread neighborhood wealth.
- ***Transform Communities through Equitable Development***: Support comprehensive, racially equitable strategies by investing in local entrepreneurs and in commercial, industrial, retail, residential, and community facility real estate projects that benefit residents of all backgrounds.
- ***Facilitate Lasting Partnerships***: Connect community partners with impact investors and private actors who invest in Chicago and suburban Cook County's low-income neighborhoods.

The Consortium represents 135 Opportunity Zones in the city of Chicago, primarily on the City's south and west sides, and 48 Opportunity Zones in suburban Cook County, primarily in south and west suburbs. In addition to facilitating connections and providing technical support, the Consortium will work with investors and project owners to connect to applicable incentive opportunities, including the City of Chicago's INVEST South/West Initiative, State of Illinois OZ matching funds, and prioritized investments in suburban Cook County Opportunity Zones.

Chicagoland Opportunity Zones Consortium members

- 4S Bay Partners
- Accion Chicago
- Applegate & Thorne-Thomsen
- Chicago Community Loan Fund
- Chicago Community Trust
- Chicago Neighborhood Initiatives, Inc.
- City of Chicago
- Community Investment Corp.
- Cook County
- Enterprise Community Partners
- IFF
- Institute for Housing Studies, DePaul University
- JPMorgan Chase Foundation
- LISC Chicago
- John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation
- National Equity Fund
- Robert R. McCormick Foundation
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- SomerCor
- State of Illinois
- Woodstock Institute
- World Business Chicago