



## 6 PILLARS IN ACTION COMMUNITY CONNECT

IAAQLI continues to impact the quality of life within Indianapolis communities through the execution of the following pillars. 1. Business and Entrepreneurship, 2. Education, 3. Employment, 4. Health and Wellness, 5. Housing and Home Ownership, 6. Leadership and Civic Engagement

**This edition we highlight the success stories of the following pillars:**



### Pillar 3. Employment

#### HOOSIER AI 1000: Training a New Generation of AI Leaders

With support from IAAQLI, the Hoosier AI 1000 program is training 50 certified “AI Trailblazers” to teach AI skills across Indianapolis. Led by InnoPower, the initiative aims to close the digital divide, promote equity, and prepare residents for a tech-driven future. These efforts are helping ensure that underserved communities have access to the tools and knowledge needed to thrive in the evolving workforce.

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### Pillar 4. Health and Wellness

#### Felege Hiywot Center: Cooking Up Confidence

Felege Hiywot Center teams up with the Marion County Health Department to teach cooking and nutrition skills to fuel youth for a lifetime. Check out how IAAQLI funding supports their Teen Chef Competition, where students showcase what they’ve learned, boosting their confidence, creativity, and interest in healthy eating. Learn more at FHCenter.org.

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### Pillar 3. Employment

#### Project Will: Empowering Young Adults for Work

Project Will celebrates the graduation of its inaugural LINK Fresh Start Program class. Watch how IAAQLI funding is helping neurodiverse young adults (ages 18–35) develop life and job skills to gain and sustain employment. Learn more at projectwill.org.

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### Podcast

#### A Closer Look At Grant Recipient’s LISC & Flanner House

LISC Indianapolis and Flanner House are vital to Indianapolis’s Black communities, backed by IAAQLI. LISC focuses on economic development and housing, including tech training. Flanner House, a historic Black non-profit, provides diverse services and supports local Black businesses. Both deepen community impact with this funding.

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Subscribe to our newsletter, Stay in the know of the exciting developments impacting the **African American Quality of Life in Indianapolis**

The Indianapolis African American Quality of Life Initiative (IAAQLI) is a place-based community change project established through a partnership between the National Urban League, The Indianapolis Urban League, and the African American Coalition of Indianapolis. Funded through a \$100 million grant from the Lilly Endowment Inc. The goal of the IAAQLI is to acknowledge the concerns and increase the quality-of-life of African American residents in Indianapolis



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