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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 6. Leadership and Civic Engagement

Ferdinand Honors Trailblazer Ida P. Whitaker with Historical Marker

Ida P. Whitaker broke barriers in pharmacy, public service, and civil rights—rising from a small Indiana town to become a nationally recognized leader. Her legacy is now being honored with a state historical marker in Ferdinand, Indiana. Stories like this are made possible thanks to support from the IAAQLI, which enables the Indianapolis Recorder to highlight the achievements and histories that shape our communities. Click the link to read more.

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Pillar 3. Employment

IAAQLI: Empowering Indianapolis' Black Community Through Grants

IAAQLI is proud to introduce the “6 Pillars at Work” series where we take a closer look at the IAAQLI pillars at work and get to know more about the organizations impacted. Click the link and check out the first episode taking a closer look at Pillar 3. Employment

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Podcast

A Closer Look At Sagamore Institute & Felege Hiywot Center

In this episode of Six Pillars in Action, we meet with Teresa Lubbers from the Sagamore Institute and Aster Bekele from the Felege Hiywot Center, who share how IAAQLI funding is driving real change in Indianapolis. From workforce development to youth-led community gardens, learn how these organizations are empowering Black communities through innovation, education, and opportunity.

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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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