Cities of Opportunity Theory of Change

Vision
All city residents, particularly those historically excluded, have fair and equitable access to the resources and opportunities for good health and well-being, and to shape vibrant, inclusive communities.

Cities are uniquely positioned to address social determinants of health and racial disparities, and to advance equity and well-being for all residents.

Outcomes
- Implement initiatives to advance racial and health equity
- Sustained community engagement
- Advocacy for systems change
- Increased and diversified funding
- Catalyze interdepartmental collaboration and multi-sector partnerships for policy and systems change.
- Scale initiatives to advance racial and health equity

Programs
- Mayors' Institute
- Community of Practice
- Field-building expertise
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Strategies
- Effective multi-sector partnerships
- Deepen understanding of city role in equitably advancing health
- Strategic data capacity
- Alignment of city programs and policies for equity
- Focus on equity/race, sustainability, diversified funding, program/policy alignment, data capacity, partnerships, and civic engagement.
- Employ multiple entry points and developmental pathways: ensure access across city programs and positions.

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