

We strive to advance the vitality of Indianapolis and the well-being of its people by addressing the city's most significant challenges and opportunities.

More than 20% of high school students in Indianapolis do not graduate.ⁱ



Marion County ranks among the highest in the state for the number and rate of drug overdose deaths.ⁱⁱ



Nearly 20% of Indianapolis adults smoke.ⁱⁱⁱ



Only 39% of adults in Marion County have an associate degree or higher.^{iv}



The Richard M. Fairbanks Foundation strives to advance the vitality of Indianapolis and the well-being of its people by addressing the city's most significant challenges and opportunities across three focus areas:



EDUCATION



HEALTH



VITALITY OF INDIANAPOLIS

In Education, we are focused on **improving academic outcomes for students** by supporting the conditions necessary to grow the supply of high-performing schools and programs. We will also **minimize underemployment and the workforce skills gap** by supporting the delivery of cost-effective education and training programs.

In Health, we aim to **reduce the rate of tobacco use, eliminate youth nicotine use and prevent and address substance use disorder.**

To improve the vitality of Indianapolis, we will **identify and support key economic drivers** – like talent attraction and development initiatives – that will help to **create a more vibrant Indianapolis.**

**TO SUPPORT OUR WORK ACROSS THESE FOCUS AREAS,
WE IMPLEMENT A THREE-PRONGED APPROACH**

Strategic grantmaking



Evidence-based advocacy



Cross-sector collaborations and convenings



Sources:

ⁱ Indiana Department of Education. RMFF calculations of the 2018-19 non-waiver graduation rate for Indianapolis schools.

ⁱⁱ Indiana State Department of Health. 2018 deaths by drug poisoning.

ⁱⁱⁱ County Health Rankings. 2017 adult smoking rate.

^{iv} United States Census. American Community Survey 1-Year Estimate for educational attainment of adults aged 25 and older in 2018.