

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.



Over 20% of adults in Marion County smoke.ⁱ



Marion County’s rate of fatal drug poisonings (overdose deaths) ranks among the highest in Indiana.ⁱⁱ



39% of adults in Marion County over 25 have an associate’s degree or higher.ⁱⁱⁱ



Marion County’s on-time college completion rate for Black and Hispanic students is 23% and 28% respectively, compared to 46% for their white peers.^{iv}

The Richard M. Fairbanks Foundation works across three focus areas:



EDUCATION



HEALTH



VITALITY OF INDIANAPOLIS

In **Education**, we aim to improve students’ academic outcomes, from kindergarten readiness to postsecondary education and training, to ensure all students are equipped to excel in school, work and life.

In **Health**, we are focused on preventing and addressing substance use disorder, reducing the rate of tobacco use and eliminating youth nicotine use.

To improve the **Vitality of Indianapolis**, we identify and support key economic drivers that help to create a more vibrant city by growing the supply of good and promising jobs and supporting the workforce in securing those jobs.

TO DRIVE OUR WORK ACROSS THESE FOCUS AREAS, WE IMPLEMENT A THREE-PRONGED APPROACH.

Strategic grantmaking



Research and evaluation



Cross-sector collaborations and convenings



Sources:

i Adult smoking in Indiana | County Health Rankings & Roadmaps

ii Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, WONDER database

iii United States Census Bureau. 2019: ACS 1-year Estimates Subject Tables, Educational Attainment.

iv Richard M. Fairbanks Foundation (2021). Education For All – An Audit Of Racial Equity In Marion County