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Public Health Priority Areas for 2024

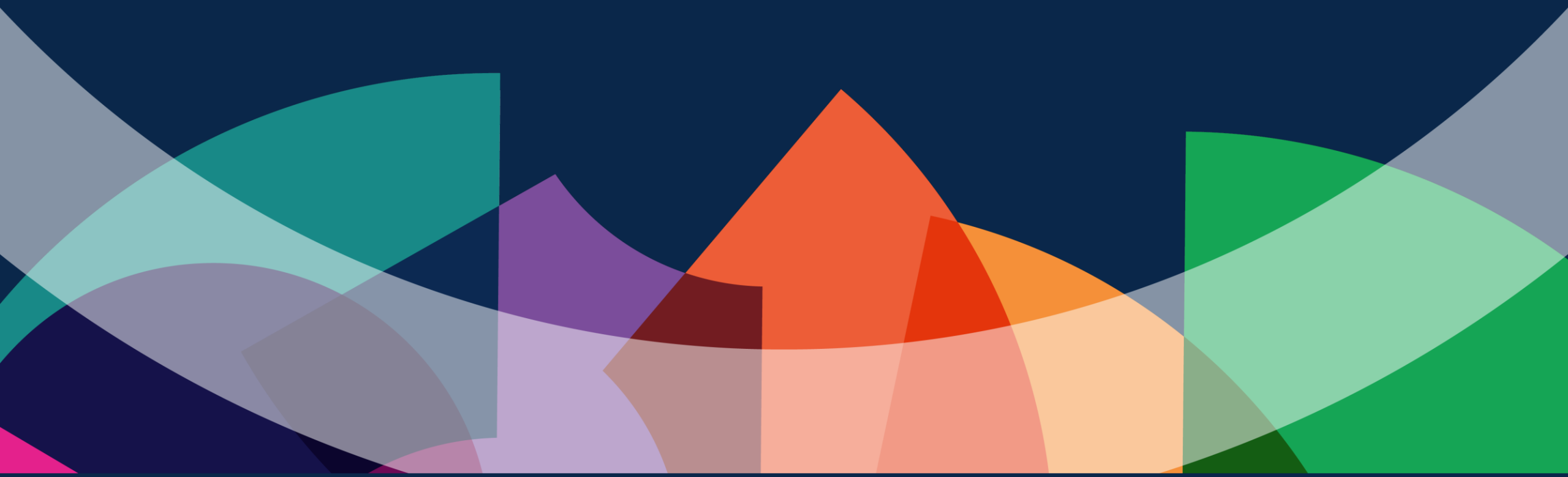
Health Equity

- Equitable Long-Term Recovery and Resilience……People & Places Thriving!!
- Emergence/Re-Emergence of Public Health Threats (STIs, Respiratory Diseases)
- Harm Reduction/SUD
- Community Health Worker Initiatives and Training
- Climate, Health and Environmental Justice
- Island Area Engagement (Workforce, Systems-approach, Cooperation)

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People & Places Thriving: The Federal Plan for Long-Term Resilience

Building Lasting Resilience Nationwide



ALL PEOPLE AND PLACES THRIVING, NO EXCEPTIONS

A Multi-Sector Approach Amplifying Key Federal Priorities

Pairing Coordinated Federal Action with Non-government Actions

Non-government Organization *Springboard*

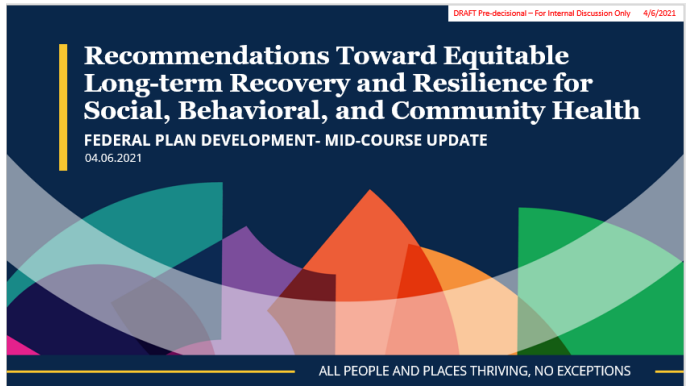


Released 7/4/2020; Website: Thriving.US/

TAKEN TOGETHER, WILL IMPROVE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Federal Plan

Informs federal programs, policies, and resources that give communities flexibility to tailor solutions to local needs



State and Local Action



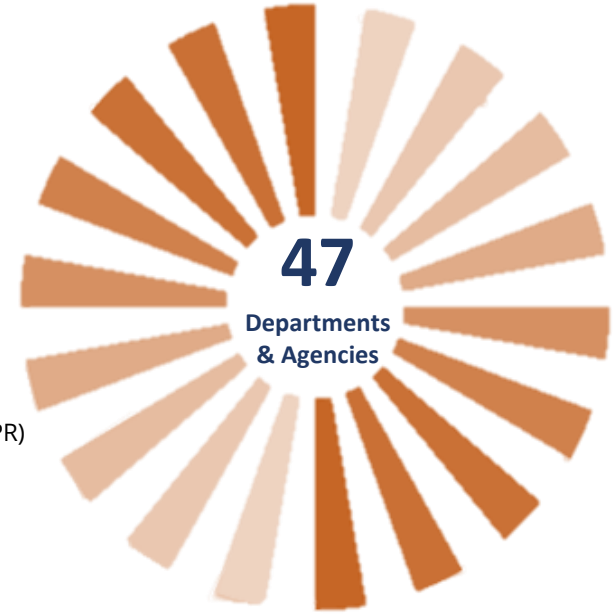
Aligned with Executive Orders & Cross-Government Efforts*

- Advancing **Racial Equity** and **Support** for **Underserved Communities**
- Ensuring an **Equitable Response and Recovery**
- Tackling the **Climate Crisis**
- **Justice40** and Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad
- Redressing Our History of **Discriminatory Housing Practices and Policies**
- Transforming **Federal Customer Experience**
- **DPC sub-IPC and IPC** bodies
- **Coordinating Council** on Accessibility & Mobility
- Department **Equity Action Plans**

** Sample*

Federal Plan Interagency Working Body

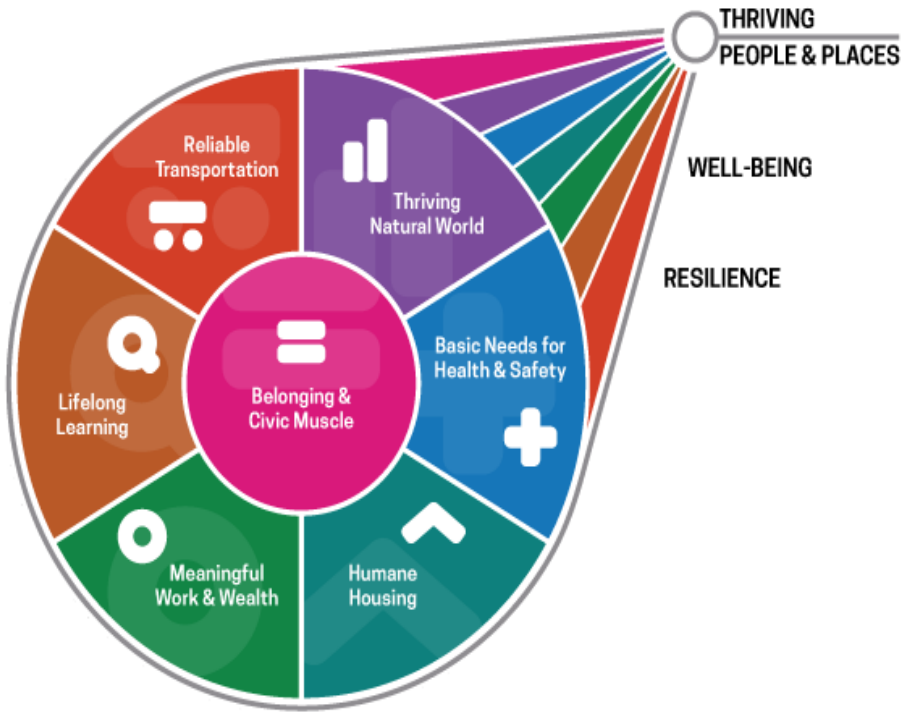
- **Dept of Agriculture (USDA)**
  - Food and Nutrition Service (FNS)
  - Office of Homeland Security
  - Rural Development and Food Safety Inspection Service
- **Dept of Commerce**
  - National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Community Resilience Program
  - Census
  - National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)
- **Dept of Defense (DoD)**
  - Consortium for Health and Military Performance (CHAMP) at the Uniformed Services University
- **Dept of Education**
- **Dept of Health and Human Services (HHS)**
  - Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR)
  - Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (ODPHP)
  - Office of Minority Health (OMH)
  - Administration for Children and Families (ACF)
  - Administration for Community Living (ACL)*
  - Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR)
  - Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
  - Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)
  - Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA)
  - Indian Health Service (IHS)
  - Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)
  - National Institutes of Health (NIH) – multiple Institutes
  - Assistant Secretary of Policy & Evaluation (ASPE)



- **Dept of Homeland Security**
  - Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
- **Dept of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)**
- **Dept of the Interior**
- **Dept of Justice (DOJ)**
- **Dept of Labor (DOL)**
  - Employment and Training Administration
- **Dept of Transportation (USDOT)**
  - Office of the Secretary
  - Federal Transit Administration
- **Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)**
- **Federal Reserve Bank (FRB) —Richmond, Atlanta**
- **Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS)**
- **National Endowment for the Arts (NEA)**
- **National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)**
- **Small Business Association (SBA)**
- **Veteran's Health Administration (VHA)**

The Vital Conditions for Health and Well-Being

A framework that provides the **actionable organizing structure** on which to build **connections** and **alignment**.



BELONGING & CIVIC MUSCLE
Sense of belonging and power to shape a common world
Civic agency; civic association; collective efficacy; equitable access to information; freedom from stigma, discrimination, oppression; many opportunities for civic engagement (voting, volunteerism, public work); social support; support for civil rights, human rights; vibrant arts, culture, and spiritual life

THRIVING NATURAL WORLD
Sustainable resources, contact with nature, freedom from hazards
Accessible natural spaces; clean air, water, soil; freedom from extreme heat, flooding, wind, radiation, earthquakes, pathogens; healthy ecosystems able to sustainably provide necessary resources

BASIC NEEDS FOR HEALTH & SAFETY
Basic requirements for health and safety
Freedom from trauma, violence, addiction and crime; fresh air; nutritious food, safe drinking water; routine care for physical and mental health; routine physical activity; safe, satisfying sexuality and reproduction; sufficient sleep

HUMANE HOUSING
Humane, consistent housing
Adequate space per person; affordable costs; close to work, school, food, recreation, and nature; diverse neighborhoods (without gentrification, segregation, concentrated poverty); safe structures

MEANINGFUL WORK & WEALTH
Rewarding work, careers, and standards of living
Family and community wealth; good-paying and fulfilling jobs; job training/retraining; savings and limited debt

LIFELONG LEARNING
Continuous learning, education, and literacy
Career and adult education; continuous development of cognitive, social, emotional abilities; early childhood experiences; elementary, high school, and higher education

RELIABLE TRANSPORTATION
Reliable, safe, and accessible transportation
Active transport; close to work, school, food, leisure; efficient energy use; few environmental hazards; safe transport

See also: https://winnetwork.org/vital-conditions

How the Federal Plan Provides a Philosophical Shift for Government

The Plan is a **starting point** for federal agencies to **better coordinate** and **align** steady-state resources in pursuit of **well-being**. The Plan **goes beyond other existing federal efforts** to address resilience and equity.

Community-centered
Prioritizes community leadership and adopting asset-driven approaches



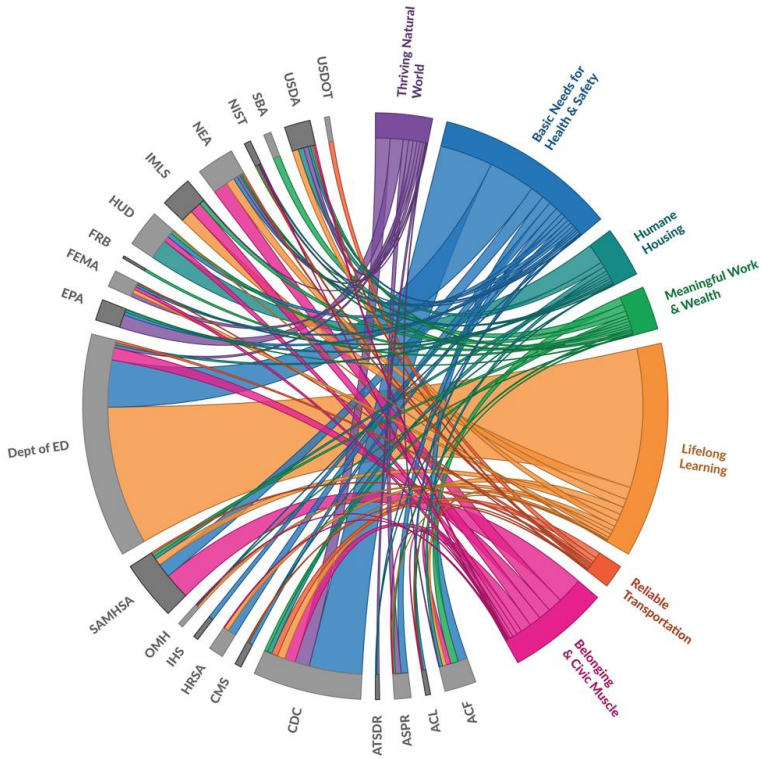
A Shared Ethos
The use of the vital conditions enables cross-agency integration with a common aim

A Shift in Lexicon
Uses share language and resources that resonates with public and civil sector partners – to help maximize access to federal resources

A Clear Goal Post
Demonstrates *how* federal programs and initiatives help achieve long-term resilience and thriving

Employing All Levers of Federal Action

Departments and agencies can strengthen the **vital conditions** by adapting or using in **coordinated** ways existing **flexibilities** across policy and program **levers**.



Federal Department / Agency Levers:

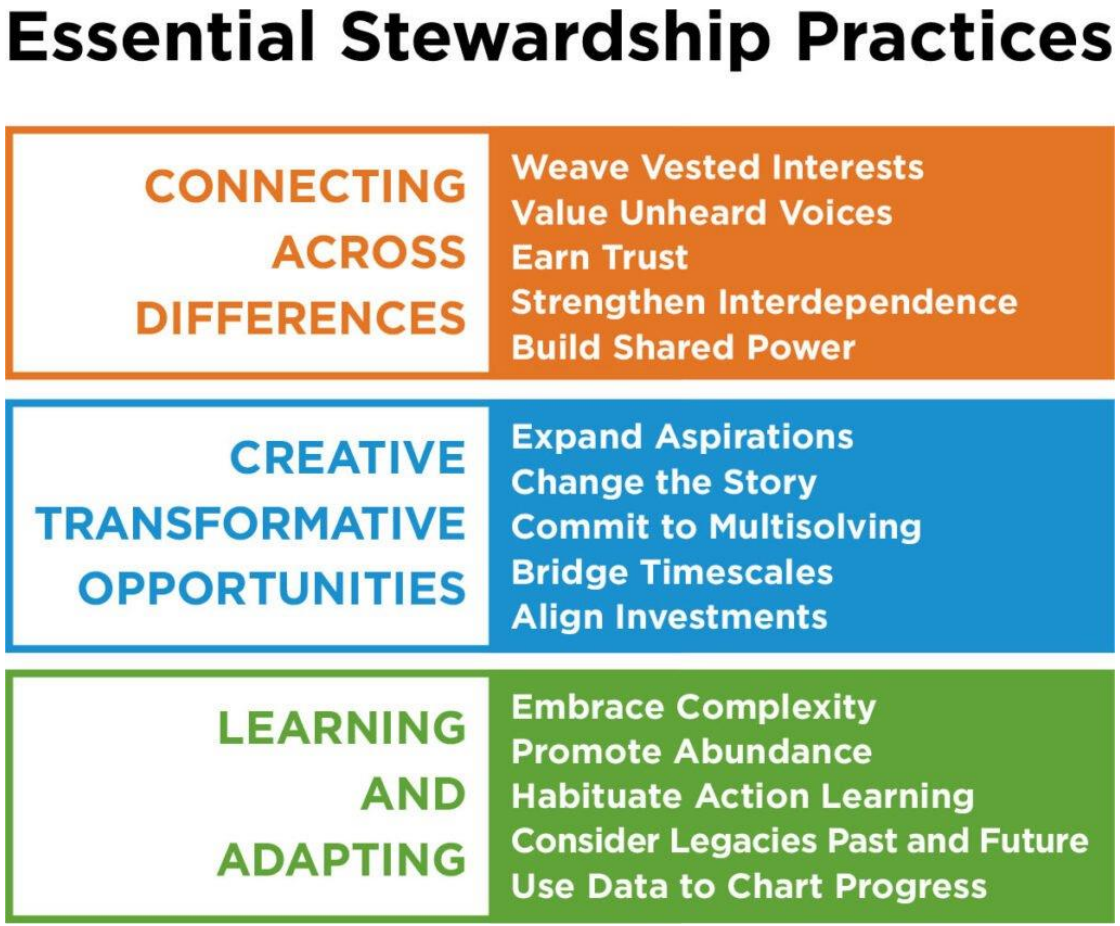
- **Communication & Educational Campaigns**
- **Data/Surveillance**
  Related to disparities and well-being
- **Funding**
  (e.g., grants, cooperative agreements, Medicaid-billing)
- **Guidelines & Recommendations**
- **Planning**
- **Staffing/Personnel**
- **Policy**
  (e.g., waivers and flexibilities)
- **Regulations**
  (i.e., rules and directives)
- **Research/Evaluation**
- **Strategic Partnerships**
- **Capacity Building / Training/Technical Assistance (TA)**

Essential Stewardship Practices Supported by the Vital Conditions

*Stewards are people and organizations who **work in coordination with others to create the conditions that all people need to achieve equity and thrive**.*

Stewardship is driven by:

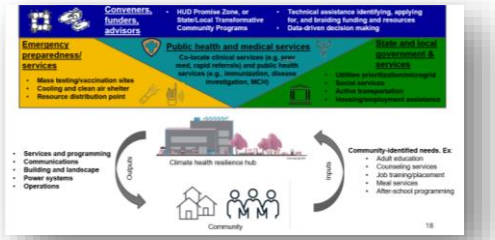
- expansive collaboration
- consensus building
- shared action



Advances beyond a leadership focused approach of advancing individual or organizational interests.

Bright Spots of Implementation: Federal Government

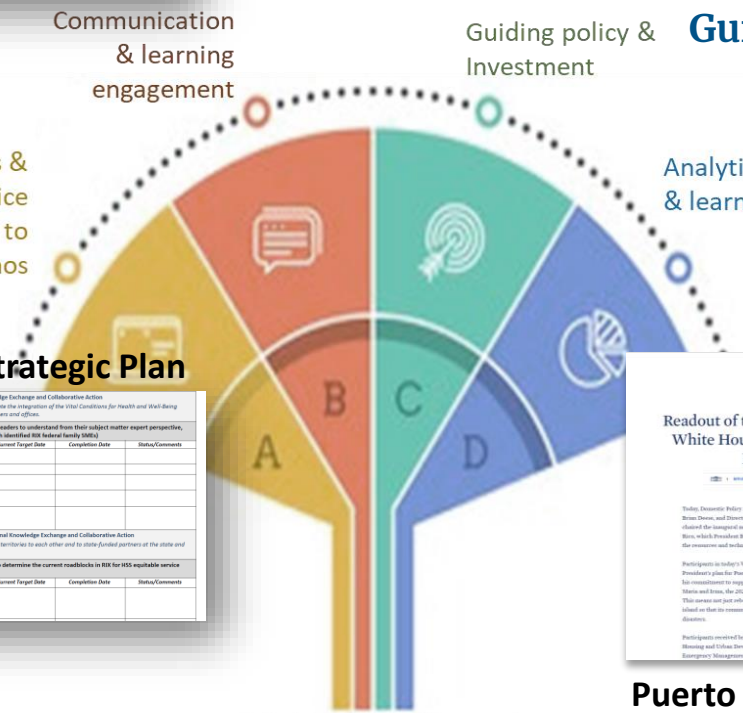
Sacramento Promise Zone Resilience HUB



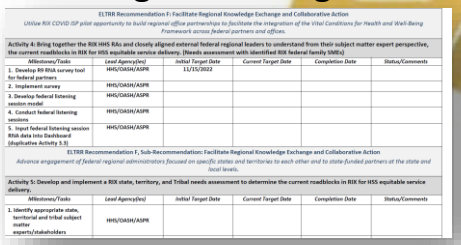
Coordinating Council on Access and Mobility



FEMA National Resilience Guidance



R9 Integrate Strategic Plan



Puerto Rico Data Equity & Transparency



Highlight Federal Department and Agency Bright Spots

Strategic National Planning & Initiatives

- National Security Council National Resilience Plan
- NEA Interagency Working Group on the Arts, Health, and Civic Infrastructure
- FEMA National Resilience Guidance **(new ELTRR sub-committee)**
- VHA Whole Health Partnership to find synergy and define wellbeing
- HHS Food as Medicine Initiative
- National Disaster Recovery Framework Redesign
- Region 9 Regional Strategic Planning using the Vital Conditions and Federal Plan recommendations

Program/ Funding Design

- Department of Transportation Coordinating Council for Accessibility and Mobility advancing Federal Plan Recommendations
- Sacramento Promise Zone Climate Resilience HUB
- HUD and NEA Infrastructure dollars planning for healthy community development
- USDA and DoD development of Good Food Purchasing and thriving principles
- USDA Rural Development adaptation of Vital Conditions for rural communities
- IHS adaptation of Vital Conditions for tribal behavioral health
- HRSA uptake of thriving and resilience language into system practices
- CDC Public Health Emergency Preparedness 5-year NOFO
- Region 1 Economic Mobility Strategies Partnership (exploratory)

Strategic Tools

- ASPR Recovery Region 5 Resilience Planning Tool using the Vital Conditions
- Case studies of ELTRR in action (in development)
- ELTRR Practical Handbook for federal leadership and staff (in development)

Data and Measurement

- PR Fast Track Action Committee with WH OSTP
- CMS Quality Measures including resilience and the Vital Conditions measurement
- Justice40 Benefits Methodology using the Vital Conditions to Frame Goals and Benefits
- ELTRR Conceptual model and analytic measurement framework
- Whole-of-government ELTRR asset mapping
- *Paper on consensus definition of resilience*
- *Paper in partnership with civil sector partners on the impact of the Federal Plan for ELTRR recommendations on life expectancy*

Enabling System Infrastructure as Pathways for Multi-Solving

Community Health Needs Assessments

State Health Improvement Plans

CMS state waivers and plans framing / priorities

Strategic Growth Council and Blue-Ribbon Committee priorities

Integrating the Vital Conditions to guide departments and partnerships

Community capacity building and equity focused capacity building funding

All people and places

THRIVING

no exceptions.