



## Holistic, innovative, culturally-rooted healthcare

<b>Idea 26</b>	Social determinants of health as a guiding framework (health, not just healthcare)
<b>Proposal 26c</b>	Invest in local communities to address social determinants of health on a local level
<b>Description</b>	<b>Invest in local communities to address social determinants of health on a local level.</b> Use local community voice and expertise to drive improvement of community well-being by addressing social determinants of health at a local level. This could be paid for with community bonds. Community well-being is as important as building a road or a new school. Can we use the same mechanisms to pay for improved community well-being? Address sustainability once the initial funding is used up. This may need to be addressed through long-term funding mechanisms.
<b>How will the proposed action advance equitable health and well-being?</b>	Investments in kids, adults, households, and families at the community level can result in savings in community healthcare as a consequence of improved individual health and well-being.
<b>Is there work we can build on?</b>	ReThink Health’s <a href="#">financing workbook</a> to plan for how communities can fund this work in a sustainable way.  Colorado Hospital Foundation’s rural health initiatives: <a href="https://www.coloradohealth.org/insights/good-health/proud-rural-health">https://www.coloradohealth.org/insights/good-health/proud-rural-health</a>
<b>Who would have to act? Who would be key partners?</b>	MHA Physicians Intentional training of key communities of leaders, who could serve as innovation models
<b>A few high-level action steps</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Intentionally train key communities of leaders. Leaders are currently trained to very efficiently do the wrong things. A cohort of transformational leaders could set a model for others.</li> <li>2. Locate some early wins, demonstrate results, and then find funding, support, and regulatory relief. Track measurable impact!</li> <li>3. Find solutions to the “wrong pocket” problem to ensure that savings in community healthcare are recognized as the result</li> </ol>



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<b>Other comments or guidance</b>	