

The Role of a Community Development Corporation in Eliminating Health Disparities

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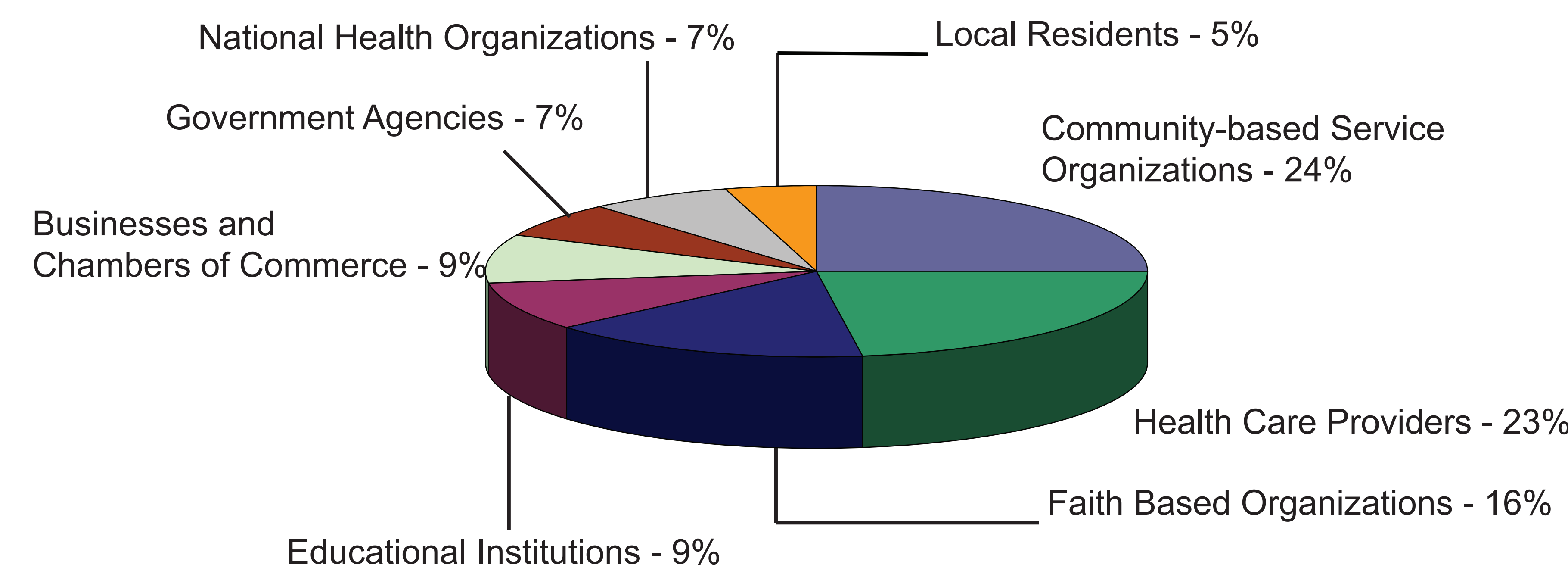
ASSESSMENT

To plan activities for the five year project, data from three categories were examined. Project interventions were then developed around the common themes appearing in all data categories. During the assessment process, new opportunities for linking resources across organizations were discovered.



COMMUNITY INPUT

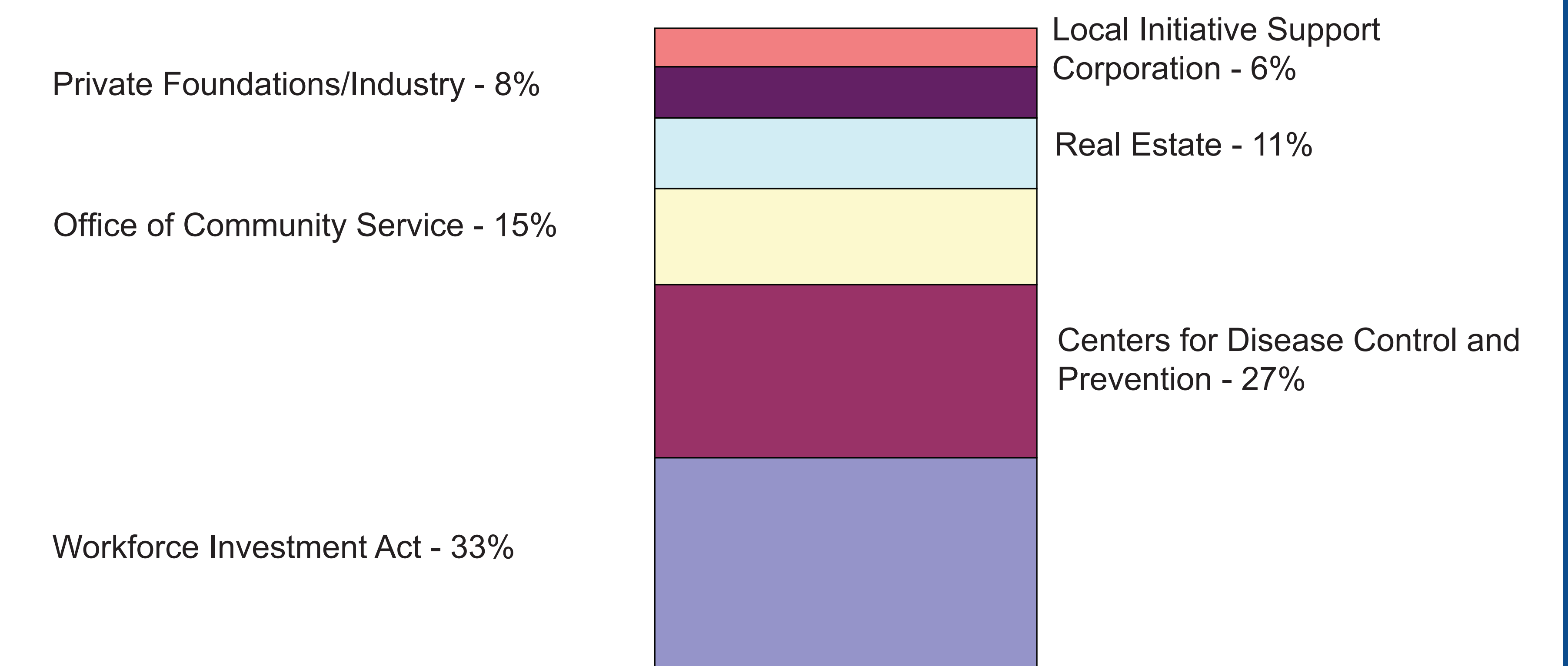
Residents were asked to give their thoughts about health during discussion groups held during the first year of the project. An outside consultant was hired to facilitate the sessions, which brought new perspective to community issues.



PROJECT PARTNERS

Southeast HD brings together over 40 agencies to actualize environmental change to lower diabetes and cardiovascular disease in the African American and Hispanic/Latino populations of Southeast Chicago. A steering committee provides members with an opportunity to give continuous input.

SEDCOM 2008 Total Budget



FUNDING DIVERSITY

SEDCOM maintains a diverse mix of funding, which is an important sustainability factor for community development corporations and any initiatives addressing health disparities. Real Estate supports are provided through Housing and Urban Development, National Equity Fund, Illinois Housing Development Authority, and a local Business Improvement District.



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MARKET

REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT

To address the problem of food access in Southeast Chicago, SEDCOM has created a business plan to develop a year-round indoor market. The project will create new jobs, expand small business opportunity, and provide access to fresh affordable food. Included in the plan is a community meeting room with space for a demonstration kitchen.