## Corner Store Co-op, LWCA

### 919 S Ada St Chicago, IL 60607



Opening

Q1 2025

Rendering: NPHM

**Corner Store Co-op, LWCA** (CSC) is a community-driven, cooperative retail venture that amplifies the entrepreneurial spirit of public housing communities. In partnership with the **National Public** 

Housing Museum (NPHM), CSC provides a platform for underrepresented makers and cooperatives to showcase and sell their unique,

high-quality products across 20 key categories.

### **Unique Offerings & Innovative Approaches**

Physical retail store within NPHM and potential pop-up locations in and around Chicago



**E-commerce website** (cornerstorecoop. com) and online marketplace with vendor portal and **"vendor stores"** 



**Off-site production facility** for customizable, locally-produced apparel through a Print-On-Demand model



**Buy Online Pickup In Store** (BOPIS) order fulfillment

**Startup Launchpad** program for entrepreneurs from public housing communities



**Corner Store Co-op Marketplace** public event and expo showcasing products from underrepresented makers



**Mobile app for e-commerce**, BOPIS, vendor registration, and coop membership management



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## **A Scalable Model for Economic Empowerment**



**CSC creates a community-driven retail experience** that promotes economic equity and empowerment while preserving the rich culture and heritage of public housing through storytelling and partnerships.

By offering a scalable and replicable model, CSC aims to expand its impact through company-owned stores, licensing, and franchising across Chicago, the USA and even globally.



**Revenue streams include** product sales, consignment fees, event sponsorships, membership fees, institutional contracts, licensing royalties, crowdfunding contributions, and in-app purchases.

A portion of CSC's profits will be allocated to the Corner Store Co-op Foundation, CSCF to fund programs, grants, and investments that support the community and its stakeholders.

# **Beacons of Hope: Our Community's Guiding Light**

With an experienced and passionate leadership team, strong partnerships, and a commitment to social impact, Corner Store Co-op LWCA is poised to revolutionize community-driven retail and economic empowerment in public housing communities and beyond.

Meet The Founding Co-Owners of Corner Store Co-op, LWCA



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