

Program Name: LISC

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Program Strategy: Increasing Police Presence and Eliminating Crime

Program Summary:

This is a community revitalization strategy aimed at reducing crime havens by implementing non-police strategies such as real estate development involving housing and commercial development; and community building/engagement efforts. LISC Jacksonville works with community development corporations (CDCs) to help them in their work to revitalize neighborhoods. We supply training, funding and advocacy on their behalf. CDCs work with boards made up of community residents and employers and have grassroots knowledge of what the community wants and needs. Jacksonville Journey allows LISC to leverage City of Jacksonville dollars with local and national funding for the betterment of the communities we serve in our joint effort to eliminate crime.

Program Overall Status and Successes: LISC's metrics for its work with CDC partners supported through Jacksonville Journey funding are based on Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) and defensible space strategies. All program activities described occur in Health Zone 1 and build on neighborhood safety and civic engagement community models.

LISC Jacksonville Crime Report for Jacksonville Journey on: New Town Success Zone, Northwest Jacksonville CDC, Operation New Hope, and Wealth Watchers and Duval County for August 2014 compared to August 2015. *NOTE: Statistics are from the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office; Data is one month behind.*

The combined CDC neighborhoods year-over-year select crime categories for July **decreased 6%**. Overall, crime statistics for Duval County as a whole **decreased 11%** for the same period.

Category	Combined CDCs Areas	Duval County
Assault-Battery*	Decreased 11% (148/131)	Decreased 18% (1026/846)
Burglary-Other*	Increased 17% (6/7)	Decreased 32% (170/115)
Burglary-Residential	Increased 12% (41/46)	Increased 2% (424/434)
Burglary-Vehicle	Increased 76% (21/37)	Increased 1% (457/461)
Robbery*	Decreased 20% (20/16)	Increased 3% (137/141)
Theft*	Increased 10% (102/112)	Decreased 15% (1739/1485)
Theft-Vehicle	Decreased 19% (26/21)	Increased 31% (164/215)
Vandalism*	Decreased 42% (74/43)	Decreased 13% (569/496)
Overall Total:	Decreased 6% (438/413)	Decreased 11% (4686/4190)

* Includes the following crime classifications: Assault/Battery= Simple Assault/Battery, Aggravated Battery; Burglary-Other=Burglary/Business; Robbery=Robbery/Business, Robbery/Carjacking, Robbery/Home Invasion, Robbery/Individual; Theft=Petit Theft/Business, Petit Theft/Non business, Grand Theft/Business, Grand Theft/Non Business; Vandalism=Criminal Mischief-Vehicle, Criminal Mischief-Business, Criminal Mischief-Non Business

Note- As part of the new Jacksonville Sheriff's office data access policy, not all previously reported crime categories are available, including, but not limited to, sexual abuse, child abuse and murder/homicide.

Combined CDC Areas

Four select crime categories decreased led by Vandalism decreased 42% (74/43); Robbery decreased 20% (20/16); Theft-Vehicle decreased 19% (26/21); and Assault-Battery decreased 11% (148/131). Select crime categories increases were Burglary-Vehicle increased 76% (21/37); Burglary-Residential Increased 12% (41/46); and Theft Increased 10% (102/112).

Countywide

Countywide, four select crime categories decreased by Burglary-Other decreased 32% (170/115); Assault/Battery decreased 18% (1026/846); Theft decreased 15% (1739/1485); and Vandalism decreased 13% (569/493). Select crime categories increases were Theft-Vehicle increased 31% (164/215); Robbery increased 3% (137/141); Burglary-Residential increased 2% (424/434); and Burglary-Vehicle increased 1% (457/461).

Individual Partners	Overall Decrease or Increase
New Town Success Zone	Decreased 7% (30/28)
Northwest Jax	Decreased 7% (182/169)
Operation New Hope	Decreased 13% (194/169)
Wealth Watchers	Increased 47% (32/47)

With countywide neighborhood revitalization activities Jacksonville community development partners work to create a positive environment for neighborhood stability leading to reduced crime.

Single-Family Construction/Rehabilitation Update:

- **Northwest Jacksonville CDC, Operation New Hope, and Wealth Watchers:** Each agency has existing single-family housing projects in their respective pre-development pipelines that will ultimately transform blighted properties into beautiful homes for qualifying homebuyers. A bill authorizing grants for these gap subsidies was recently approved, with the project implementation phase expected to get underway shortly. LISC approved financing of \$625,000 to support the Operation New Hope housing development pipeline.

Multi -Family Update:

- Ability Housing's Village on Wiley, a 43-unit residential development was completed in September, and, as of this date, has been fully leased.
- Operation New Hope continues construction on its 14-unit multifamily project at 122 West 8th Street with the project slated for completion spring 2016.

CDC Impact:

Ability Housing

Since 2008, Ability Housing has evolved from a small nonprofit providing one small housing program into one of only a few nonprofits throughout the state capable of developing complex affordable housing rental projects. Since its inception, Ability Housing has developed four multi-family properties with Village on Wiley being the latest development.

Village on Wiley is an affordable rental housing project on which Ability Housing has been working for the last three years with a number of state agencies to serve those in our community who are need of housing, but also individuals who use the most resources. Village on Wiley, 43-units of affordable housing, is targeted to persons with chronic health conditions that are experiencing homelessness or are at risk of homelessness and are caught in a recurrent cycle of costly institutionalization in psychiatric facilities, jails and prisons, in homeless shelters and living on the streets. The Florida Housing Finance Corporation provided \$5,975,000 in funding for the development.

On August 10, 2015, Ability Housing began leasing of the 43-unit development to its clientele of formerly homeless persons many of whom were directly living on the streets of downtown Jacksonville.

P. Reichman was among the first individuals who moved into the apartment complex. Reichman, lost his home and commercial painting job a few years ago after an injury and, most recently lived at the Sulzbacher Center for the Homeless. Once Reichman settles into his new apartment he hopes to find part-time work. "I had been struggling with homelessness, health problems, nothing unusual that I share with a lot of other people," he said.

Another new resident, A. Amason is grateful for a place to call home. "It feels great," said Amason, I have a stove to cook, I have a refrigerator, my own toilet, my own bathtub, it's amazing." After losing her job and later her home, for five years, Amason lived among Jacksonville's homeless population. "I went from shelter to shelter, sometimes pretending to be a patient going into the hospitals," said Amason. She's also sought shelter in abandoned properties and bus stations.

To see the full stories on the Village on Wiley go to:

<http://www.firstcoastnews.com/story/news/community/2015/08/11/new-housing-community-opens--chronically-homeless/31482201/>

<http://jacksonville.com/news/metro/2015-08-11/story/ability-housing-offers-fresh-start-formerly-homeless-jacksonvilles>



VILLAGE ON WILEY CLUBHOUSE

Clara White Mission

Clara White Mission assisted a single mother with child in need of housing. The client was able to regain custody of her child from her sister who cared for the child while the mother was in jail. The mother and child are getting reacquainted because the child was six months old when the mother was incarcerated for a year and half. The mother is considering Clara White Mission's training program and hopes to begin working soon.

New Town Success Zone

New Town Success Zone had four new students enrolled in the GED class in September and all of the students had been out of school for more than ten years. The students heard about the GED class through the ongoing Parent Night activities occurring throughout the neighborhood schools and with their partner War on Poverty.

On September 30, several students retook the GED exam. Although, these students had not passed the exam previously, New Town Success Zone staff is pleased with the commitment the students have shown to the process which is indicated by their attendance in class.

New Town Success Zone has partnered with the GED program at Brentwood Apartments to determine if there is synergy or collaborative efforts that can be established.

Northwest Jacksonville CDC (NJCDC)

On September 15, NJCDC purchased 28 units of blighted rental housing located at 1065 West 11th Street, 2 units at 2041 Payne Avenue, and 2 units at 1072 West 12th Street representing a total of 32 units. These existing units will be demolished and 12 single-family units will be built by mid-2016.

NJCDC assisted Planet Watch Neighborhood Association, Grand Park Association and 29th and Chase Neighborhood Association in obtaining crime stats for 2013-2014 and 2014-2015.

On September 22, NJCDC held a job training workshop for five individuals.

Operation New Hope

Operation New Hope continued to work closing with block captains around its service area. Operation New Hope met and/or spoken to five individuals who volunteered as a block captain. Many of these individuals have been heavily involved with community organizing with various neighborhood groups.

Operation New Hope continues construction on its 14-unit multifamily project that is scheduled to be completed in March 2016.



Meeting with Block Captains

CDC Engagements: CDCs provided leadership and sponsored community building/community engagement activities that foster a greater sense of community ownership and resident buy-in, thus increasing a commitment to community safety.

Engagements	September 2015		Hot Spots	Units/ Homes	Lots	Veterans	Ex- Offenders	Formerly Homeless
	Events	People						
Crime Prevention Forums	6	92						1
Block Captains Identified		10						
Crime in Hot Spot Reduced			2					
Financial Literacy and Counseling Workshops		9						
Individual Credit Counseling Sessions		10						
Credit Counseling Workshops								
New Rental Housing Rented to Ex-Offenders		2					2	
Supportive Services for Ex-Offenders		19					19	
Students Enrolled in Monthly GED Preparation Class	9	58				1	10	7
Total:	15	200	2			1	31	8

Program Providers – Where there are multiple agencies working together, please specify each agency's role. If type other than those illustrated below, please add to legend type below.

Types: D\$=City direct funded provider PT = Partner or subcontracted provider – NO FUNDING

PT\$ = Partner or subcontracted provider receiving funds from direct funded provider

Provider(s)	Type (Include type code from above)	Contact Name	Address/Tel. No.	Program Specifics/ Services Provided
LISC Jacksonville	DS \$399,023 City Contract has been executed	Janet Owens	10 West Adams Street, Suite 100 353-1300	Grant admin, technical assistance, program leveraging
Ability Housing	PT\$	Shannon Nazworth Executive Director	76 South Laura Street Suite 303 359-9650	Real estate development; Community engagement
Clara White Mission	PT\$	JuCoby Pittman-Peele Executive Director	613 West Ashley Street 354-4162	Commercial Corridor Revitalization; Community Engagement
New Town Success Zone	PT\$	PeDro Cohen Executive Director	1658 Kings Road 470-8262	Education; Community engagement
Northwest Jacksonville CDC	PT\$	Paul Tutwiler Executive Director	3416 Moncrief Road 598-9196	Real estate development; Community engagement
Operation New Hope	PT\$	Kevin Gay Executive Director	1830 North Main Street 354-4673	Real estate development; Community engagement
Wealth Watchers	PT\$	Carrie Davis Executive Director	1225 West Beaver Street 380-0292	Real estate development; Community engagement

Program Information

Program Metrics/Statistics/Outcomes: CDCs and LISC mutually develop targets at the beginning of the grant term for single-family housing development, affordable rental housing development, and other high impact projects. CDCs also set targets for capacity building activities related to organizational development and community engagement.

This contract reflects a partnership between LISC Jacksonville and the City of Jacksonville where LISC provides funding recommendations, administration and oversight for the city; and LISC leverages City funds 5:1 through various sources to nonprofit community development corporations.

Together, LISC and the City (through the Housing and Community Development Division) make joint funding decisions to strengthen Jacksonville's community development corporations who in turn engage in a variety of physical revitalization and community building activities in an effort to fight crime and improve the lives and economic viability of neighborhood residents and businesses.