

**Program Name: LISC**

**Department Name: Housing & Neighborhoods Department**

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**Type Allocation:** City Direct Delivery  Competitive Bid  Legislative Award

**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. LISC takes no administrative fees from these funds.

**Program Overall Status and Successes:** LISC Metrics for its work with CDC partners supported through Jacksonville Journey funding is based on Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) and defensible space strategies. All program activities described occur in Health Zone 1.

**Note: As of November 7, data access for crime statistics since October 2013 is unavailable from the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office. Awaiting approval and execution of Memo of Understanding between JSO and LISC for data access.**

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**Neighborhood Revitalization Activities: Jacksonville CDCs are creating positive energy for neighborhood stabilization.**

**Commercial Development Update:**

- **Northwest Jacksonville's** North Point Commercial Retail Office Center all retail and office spaces are scheduled to be occupied by December 2014.

**Single Family Construction/Rehabilitation Update:**

- **Grace & Truth CDC, Metro North CDC, Northwest Jacksonville CDC, Operation New Hope, and Wealth Watchers** all have single family housing projects in their predevelopment pipeline that will ultimately transform blighted properties into beautiful homes for qualifying homebuyers. These CDCs continue to pursue with the City necessary mortgage and development gap financing for each home.
- A cumulative total of **288** single family houses have been completed and sold to date.
- **Operation New Hope** is currently awaiting CHDO funding to move forward on construction of appropriated funding for CHDO development projects. The funding is deferred in City Council

**CDC Impact:**

***Grace & Truth***

The CDC received from Wells Fargo a foreclosed home located at 2662 Sandra Lane. The home will be maintained by the CDC to eliminate blight in the neighborhood and the home will be developed in the future.

***Northwest Jax***

The CDC has two-approved buyers that are awaiting on the City's CHDO allocation that will allow the CDC to construct two new homes on vacant lots that is being maintained by the CDC.

For October, five new block captains were assigned to serve as the primary point of contact between the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office and neighbors on their block. The block captains are from the Hendersonville Neighborhood Association, Old Floradale Home Owners Association, 29<sup>th</sup> & Chase Neighborhood Association, and Magnolia Gardens Association.

A crime hot spot that was identified in the Sherwood Forest Community has been eliminated. On Norfolk Blvd., there was vacant property where selling drugs and other criminal activity were on-going. The property now has a tenant and JSO has removed the Norfolk Blvd. area as a hot spot per the resident of Sherwood Forest Community Association.

***Operation New Hope***

On October 10, Operation New Hope helped organize and promote the Eastside Neighborhood Watch Group. There were seven members present and these members will be attend the next SHADCO meeting to discuss the recent shootings in Eastside Jacksonville and what can be done to prevent crime.

**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	October 2014		Hot Spots	Units/ Homes	Lots	Veterans	Ex- Offenders	Formerly Homeless
	Events	People						
Crime Prevention Forums	7	144				22	1	
Block Captains Identified		5						
Crime Hot Spots Identified			2					
Crime Hot Spots Eliminated			1					
Homebuyer Workshops								
Financial Literacy and Counseling Workshops	1	6						1
Credit Counseling Workshops								
Individual Credit Counseling Sessions		7						
Life Safety Training								
Foreclosure Counseling Workshops								
Community Cleanups								
Job Training Workshops	1	7						
Jobs Created Due to CDC Construction Activity		3						
Permanent Jobs Created As a Result of CDC Activities								
New Rental Housing Identified for Ex-Offenders	2						2	
New Rental Housing Rented for Ex-Offenders								
Supportive Services for Ex-Offenders		30					30	
Housing Units Newly Constructed and Sold on Vacant Lots								
Rental Units Purchased, Rehabilitated and Leased for Affordable Rental								
Rental Units Purchased and Maintained by CDC for Future Development								
Foreclosed Homes Purchased and Maintained by the CDC								
Foreclosed Homes Rehabilitated and Newly Constructed and Sold								
Vacant Lots Purchased and Maintained by CDC for Future Development								
New Community Space Created from Abandoned and Derelict Open Spaced								
Students Enrolled in Monthly GED Preparation Class	24					1	2	1
Students Who Passed GED Exam								
Students Who Passed GED Exam and Enrolled in Trade School or College								
Identify homeowner rehab projects to repair homes before they become severely deteriorated								
<b>Total:</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>3</b>			<b>23</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>1</b>

**Program Providers – Where there are multiple agencies working together, please specify each agencies 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**

<b>Provider(s)</b>	<b>Type (Include type code from above)</b>	<b>Contact Name</b>	<b>Address/Tel. No.</b>	<b>Program Specifics/ Services Provided</b>
LISC Jacksonville	\$399,023	Janet Owens Eugene Montgomery	10 West Adams Street, Suite 100 353-1300	Grant admin, technical assistance, program leveraging
Ability Housing	Awaiting Contract from the City	Shannon Nazworth Executive Director	76 South Laura Street Suite 303 359-9650	Real estate development; Community engagement
Clara White Mission	Awaiting Contract from the City	JuCoby Pittman-Peele Executive Director	613 West Ashley Street 354-4162	Commercial Corridor Revitalization; Community Engagement
Grace & Truth CDC	Awaiting Contract from the City	Bishop E.J. Johnson Executive Director	932 North Shore Drive 338-9990	Real estate development; Community engagement
Metro North CDC	Awaiting Contract from the City	Reggie Fullwood Executive Director	3105 N. Main Street 358-1224	Real estate development; Community engagement
New Town Success Zone	Awaiting Contract from the City	PeDro Cohen Executive Director	1658 Kings Road 470-8262	Education; Community engagement
Northwest Jacksonville CDC	Awaiting Contract from the City	Paul Tutwiler Executive Director	3416 Moncrief Road 598-9196	Real estate development; Community engagement
Operation New Hope	Awaiting Contract from the City	Kevin Gay Executive Director	1830 North Main Street 354-4673	Real estate development; Community engagement
Wealth Watchers	Awaiting Contract from the City	Carrie Davis Executive Director	1225 West Beaver Street 380-0292	Real estate development; Community engagement

## **Program Information**

Program Metrics/Statistics/Outcomes – CDCs develop targets at the beginning of the grant term for single family housing development, affordable rental housing development, and 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.

LISC does not take an administrative fee for managing the City's funds. LISC further leverages the City's funds through our normal business activities of providing various support services, such as technical assistance and financing to non-profit businesses engaged in community revitalization efforts.