

**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.

**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: Northwest Jacksonville CDC and Operation New Hope and Duval County for March 2015 compared to March 2016.** *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 **March increased 11%**. Overall, crime statistics for Duval County as a whole **decreased 1%** for the same period.

Category	Combined CDCs Areas	Duval County
Assault-Battery*	Increased 30% (73/95)	Within a percentage point (838/836)
Burglary-Other*	Decreased 38% (8/5)	Decreased 31% (144/99)
Burglary-Residential	Decreased 10% (30/27)	Increased 24% (316/393)
Burglary-Vehicle	Increased 73% (11/19)	Increased 38% (403/557)
Robbery*	Increased 63% (8/13)	Increased 4% (112/116)
Theft*	Increased 4% (80/83)	Decreased 18% (1431/1171)
Theft-Vehicle	Increased 167% (6/16)	Increased 42% (153/218)
Vandalism*	Decreased 29% (48/34)	Decreased 9% (487/441)
<b>Overall Total:</b>	<b>Increased 11% (264/292)</b>	<b>Decreased 1% (3884/3831)</b>

\* 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**

Three categories of select crimes had a decrease for the period led by Burglary-Other decreased 38% (8/5); Vandalism decreased 29% (48/34); and Burglary-Residential decreased 10% (30/27). Increases were Theft-Vehicle increased 167% (6/16); Burglary-Vehicle increased 73% (11/19); Robbery increased 63% (8/13); Assault/Battery increased 30% (73/95) and Theft increased 4% (80/83).

### **Countywide**

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<b>Individual Partners</b>	<b>Overall Decrease or Increase</b>
Northeast Florida Community Action Agency	Decreased 19% (26/21)
Northwest Jax	Increased 8% (120/130)
Operation New Hope	Increased 19% (118/141)

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

### **Multi-Family Update:**

- Operation New Hope continues construction on their 14-unit multifamily project at 122 West 8<sup>th</sup> Street. This project is expected to be completed with a Certificate of Occupancy in July 2016.
- Clara White Mission construction is on schedule for Beaver Street Villas. The development has 16-units of housing for local veterans and office space for the Department of Veteran's Affairs. Expected completion date is July 2016.

### **Single-Family Update:**

- Northwest Jacksonville CDC is working through the design phase of the Payne Avenue Walk, a 12 single-family subdivision project, completion date is not known at this time.
- Operation New Hope is in the process of finalizing their agreements with the City of Jacksonville to begin the construction of three-single family homes on Phelps Street in the Eastside Neighborhood.

### **CDC Impact April 2016:**

#### ***Clara White Mission***

On April 4, Clara White staff attended the Mayor's Health Disparities Initiative meeting. This initiative addresses health care being provided to all Jacksonville citizens.

Clara White staff made a program presentation to the following organizations: The Manufactures Association on April 5, Episcopal High School on April 19 and the Jasmyn Organization on April 20.

Clara White held a volunteer appreciation dinner on April 22 at Clara White's Riverside North location. Staff, residents and volunteers were in attendance.

A graduation program was held on April 8 at Shiloh Baptist Church. There were 10 culinary graduates and 2 janitorial graduates. All of the graduates are non-felons.

On April 22 and April 23, Clara White participated with River Region and various law enforcement offices throughout the nation for a drug and recognition evaluation program. This program is designed to assist and train law enforcement of the dangers of drugs and alcohol.

#### ***Northeast Florida Community Action Agency (NFCAA)***

The Northeast Florida Community Action Agency (NFCAA) now has a Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) that will provide services to 20 homes each month in the North Riverside community to help individuals pay their utility bills. For the month of April, NFCAA has provided assistance for the month to 20 individuals and there is 20 applicants signed up for the month of May.

To ensure optimal neighborhood involvement at the North Riverside Neighborhood Association meetings, NFCAA staff distributed 400 flyers to businesses and community residents prior to the meeting. There were two meetings held this month with over 20 attendees at each meeting.

The North Riverside Crime Prevention Forum met on April 17 with 14 attendees to discuss the Neighborhood Crime Watch program.

The Weatherization Assistance Program provided services to a residence in North Riverside to create energy efficient and safer housing.

Five candidates secured jobs as a result of training and vocational certification. The candidates were provided with additional services to assist with their success: JTA bus passes for 31 days in order to secure transportation for employment, uniforms, certified nursing assistant program fees, exam fees, emergency rental assistance, and utility bills.



**North Riverside Crime Prevention Forum**

***Northwest Jacksonville CDC (NJCDC)***

In April, NJCDC participated in three neighborhood crime watch meetings with 37 residents in attendance. Meetings covered primarily crime within a fourth of mile radius of their communities. NJCDC also participated in two neighborhood engagement meetings with 23 neighborhood residents attending.

Magnolia Gardens held a community fair on April 19. Several community organizations were in attendance to promote workshops, social services, and health screenings, along with music, free food and family fun being provided.

NJCDC held a Homebuyer Workshop on April 23 in conjunction with Family Foundations. In celebration of the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Wise Money Week, Family Foundations waived the \$50.00 fee and lunch was provided. Participants received a certification which is good for a year.



**Homebuyer Workshop**

***Operation New Hope***

This month, Operation New Hope continued working on the development of three single family homes by releasing the invitation to bid and request for proposal. Operation New Hope will be looking to award a winner as early as May 4. Operation New Hope will then prepare a contract with the awarded bidder and begin the permitting process. Through this development, Operation New Hope will be creating jobs and improving formally blighted property.

Also, Operation New Hope's housing counselor distributed flyers for the Eastside Neighborhood Watch program, via students at John Love Elementary School in hopes of boosting Eastside participation in the program and has scheduled a future homebuyer workshop. Operation New Hope's EPIC Coordinator, is also working in the Eastside community and will schedule an Eastside Coalition meeting that encompasses quality of life, wealth building and social development.

***Springfield Preservation and Revitalization Council, Inc. (SPAR)***

On April 14, SPAR held their second historic preservation workshop, "Financial Incentives for Historic Buildings". Topics included redeveloping older buildings, incentives, credits, what is historic, federal tax credits, is the proposed work appropriate, what did you spend, sales tax refund, etc. There were 17 people in attendance. After the workshop, there were numerous follow-up calls and emails from participants.

SPAR held their monthly board meeting on April 18 and the community was invited to attend. Topics of discussion were block captains, community clean-ups, SHADCO, community meetings and workshops, traffic study, JEA, Main Street beautification and spring home tour.

**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	April 2016			
	Events	People	Units/ Homes	Lots
Community Events	2	27		
Crime Prevention Programs	4	51		
Block Captains Identified				
Community Clean-ups				
Individual Credit Counseling Sessions		2		
Individual Financial Literacy Training				
Homebuyer Workshops	1	13		
Job Training Workshops	1	12		
Neighborhood Business Meetings				
Neighborhood Meetings	4	82		
Securing a Job as a Result of Training		5		
<b>Total:</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>192</b>		

**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**

<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	DS \$399,023 City contract has been executed	Janet Owens	10 West Adams Street, Suite 100 353-1300	Grant admin, technical assistance, program leveraging
Clara White Mission	PT\$	JuCoby Pittman-Peele Executive Director	613 West Ashley Street 354-4162	Commercial Corridor Revitalization; Community Engagement
Northeast Florida Community Action Agency	PT\$	Berneitha McNair Executive Director	4070 Boulevard Center Drive 398-7472	Assistance to Combat Poverty
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
Springfield Preservation and Revitalization Council	PT\$	Christina Parrish Executive Director	1321 North Main Street 353-7727	Preservation and Revitalization

**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.