

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: Northwest Jacksonville CDC and Operation New Hope and Duval County for July 2015 compared to July 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 July **decreased 24%**. Overall, crime statistics for Duval County as a whole **increased less than a percentage point** for the same period.

Category	Combined CDCs Areas	Duval County
Assault-Battery*	Increased 4% (92/96)	Increased 25% (747/934)
Burglary-Other*	Decreased 50% (12/6)	Decreased 8% (148/136)
Burglary-Residential	Decreased 36% (42/27)	Decreased 19% (441/357)
Burglary-Vehicle	Decreased 56% (39/17)	Increased 14% (546/620)
Robbery*	Decreased 31% (13/9)	Decreased 21% (140/111)
Theft*	Decreased 29% (109/77)	Decreased 15% (1579/1348)
Theft-Vehicle	Decreased 25% (20/15)	Increased 41% (189/267)
Vandalism*	Decreased 21% (53/42)	Increased 6% (514/545)
Overall Total:	Decreased 24% (380/289)	Less than a % point (4304/4318)

* 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

Seven categories of select crimes had a decrease for the period led by Burglary-Other decreased 50% (12/6); Burglary-Vehicle decreased 56% (39/17); Burglary-Residential decreased 36% (42/27); Robbery decreased 31% (13/9); Theft decreased 29% (109/77); Theft-Vehicle decreased 25% (20/15) and Vandalism decreased -21% (53/42). The only increase this period was Assault/Battery increased 4% (92/96).

Countywide

Four categories of select crimes had a decrease for the period led by Robbery decreased 21% (140/111); Burglary-Residential decreased 19% (441/357); Theft decreased 15% (1579/1348) and Burglary-Other decreased 8% (148/136). Increases for this period were led by Theft-Vehicle increased 41% (189/267); Assault/Battery increased 25% (747/934); Burglary-Vehicle increased 14% (546/620) and Vandalism increased 6% (514/545).

Individual Partners	Overall Decrease or Increase
Northeast Florida Community Action Agency	Increased 35% (20/27)
Northwest Jax	Decreased 17% (174/144)
Operation New Hope	Decreased 37% (186/118)

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:

- Clara White Mission's Beaver Street Villas has been delayed to the re-installation of the air conditioning units due to the piping that was installed. A new plan is being developed to have the air conditioners reinstalled and individually controlled.
- Operation New Hope's Dozier Apartments, a 14-unit multifamily project at 122 West 8th Street is nearing completion. Nine of the 14-units have been leased. The expected completion and Certificate of Occupancy date is September 30.

Single-Family Update:

- Northwest Jax CDC is in the process of selecting a general contractor for the construction of the Payne Avenue Walk project.
- Operation New Hope has selected a contractor for the construction of its three single-family homes on Phelps and Spearing Street. The construction is expected to begin October 2016.

CDC Impact August 2016:

Clara White Mission

Tonya Brown with City of Hope Ministries, held a meeting at Clara White's Riverside North location on August 17 to discuss an educational youth program in the community.

On August 20, a community cook out was held at the Riverside North location with approximately 150 attending the cookout.

Northeast Florida Community Action Agency (NFCAA)

The National Night Out (against crime) was held on August 2 at Mallison Park (Lackawanna) located at 3151 Lenox Avenue. Over 200 community members joined NFCAA for this annual community-building campaign promoting police-community partnerships, and neighborhood camaraderie to make the North Riverside neighborhood a safer, better place to live. Speakers at the event included Dr. Charles Moreland (Mayor's Office), Sheriff Mike Williams (JSO), City Councilman Garrett Dennis (COJ), representation from NFCAA's Board of Directors, staff and numerous JSO officers. The event provided free food, face painting, a game truck, arts and crafts, and a bounce house. While NFCAA did encounter heavy rain, the community stayed and enjoyed meeting those representing their neighborhood and the residents who live in the community.



National Night Out

On August 5, Operation Backpack was held at Hollybrook Apartments located at 104 King Street. The event was a success with 113 children, ages K-5th grade, receiving backpacks with supplies required by the schools they are attending in the North Riverside area (backpacks, notebooks, filler paper, rulers, pencils, pens, folders, dividers, pencil box, note cards, Thesaurus, glue sticks, crayons, color pencils, Kleenex). New backpacks and school supplies help motivate children to attend school, succeed in their work, and fit in with their peers. First year principal, Andrea Williams-Scott, from Susie E. Tolbert Elementary was accompanied by 15 new teachers to meet and greet each student receiving a backpack that will attend third through fifth grade.



Operation Backpack

The Northeast Florida Community Action Agency, Inc. (NFCAA) provided Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) services on August 10 to 21 residences in the North Riverside community to help pay their utility bills. LIHEAP assists low income households, particularly those with the lowest incomes that pay a high proportion of household income for home energy, primarily in meeting their immediate home energy needs.

The North Riverside Neighborhood Association held a meeting on August 18 with 25 attendees. Discussions included revitalization of the committee and plans for the 3-5 year Quality of Life strategy.

Northwest Jacksonville CDC (NJCDC)

On August 20, NJCDC completed a financial literacy class with JPMorgan Chase Bank providing the instructor and the materials. Participants spent two hours learning the psychology of spending and how to budget. In addition, two individuals received their credit report and are working on impediments that are keeping them from purchasing a home.



Financial Literacy Class

NJCDC proudly introduces the Neighborhood Park and Garden at MLK Parkway and Moncrief Road. This community entryway is the first thing one sees as they enter the community by way of I-95 or MLK Parkway traveling north. The site was selected in conjunction with the Myrtle/Moncrief Road Business Association and the 29th and Chase Neighborhood Association. Not only was this site selected as a beautification location, but it will also serve as a great location for community gatherings. As a community, the residents plan to picnic and sponsor community building events at this site. NJCDC has designed the space with peace tiles courtesy of the MLK Day of Service tile project. NJCDC has plans to partner with United Way to create more decorative tiles on the next MLK Day of Service event. Additional tiles will be designed for the perimeter of the garden. There are plans to ask the youth in the community to partner with NJCDC to maintain the park in support of the Myrtle/Moncrief Road Business Association.

Operation New Hope

Operation New Hope is nearing completion on the Dozier Apartments with nine out of the 14-units leased with prospective tenants with all units being leased by the end of September. The completion and Certificate of Occupancy date is September 30.

Operation New Hope has not received a notice to proceed for the start of the three new single-family homes on the Eastside of Jacksonville and hopes within the next coming weeks they will be able to acquire a notice to proceed.

Operation New Home conducted a clean-up on the August 5 that encompassed Boulevard and 22nd Street located in the Eastside neighborhood.



Clean Up

In August, a financial literacy training was held that outlined steps to establish and maintain good credit, understanding information contained in a credit report, identifying the three credit reporting agencies and identifying five credit laws and the protection the laws provide. Operation New Hope staff also provided a “one-on-one counseling” session with a potential homeowner.

This month, Operation New Hope staff attended and completed a NeighborWorks Training for Homeownership Counseling Certification. Once training is completed, this individual will be Operation New Hope’s third certified housing counselor.

Springfield Preservation and Revitalization Council, Inc. (SPAR)

On August 1, SPAR hosted a “National Night Out” event with law enforcement personnel to discuss crime reduction programs. National Night Out is an event held in neighborhoods across the country, where neighbors come together with their local law enforcement in a casual setting to build camaraderie, show support for the hard work law enforcement do in the community, and get to know each other. There were 54 community residents that attended the event.

SPAR held their monthly board meeting on August 15. The meeting is open to the public and 10 residents attended this meeting.

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	August 2016			
	Events	People	Units/ Homes	Lots
Community Events	1	113		
Crime Prevention Programs	2	254		
Block Captains Identified				
Community Clean-ups	1	11		
Individual Credit Counseling Sessions		3		
Individual Financial Literacy Training		49		
Homebuyer Workshops				
Job Training Workshops	1	20		
Neighborhood Business Meetings				
Neighborhood Meetings	3	49		
Securing a Job as a Result of Training				
Total:	8	499		

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
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.