

**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 June 2015 compared to June 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 June **decreased 7%**. 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
<b>Assault-Battery*</b>	Decreased 5% (97/92)	Increased 30% (733/950)
<b>Burglary-Other*</b>	Decreased 50% (6/3)	Decreased 32% (150/102)
<b>Burglary-Residential</b>	Decreased 11% (36/32)	Decreased 12% (417/369)
<b>Burglary-Vehicle</b>	Increased 24% (21/26)	Increased 8% (566/610)
<b>Robbery*</b>	Decreased 32% (19/13)	Increased 19% (118/141)
<b>Theft*</b>	Decreased 27% (115/84)	Decreased 15% (1521/1298)
<b>Theft-Vehicle</b>	Increased 83% (12/22)	Increased 67% (183/305)
<b>Vandalism*</b>	Increased 20% (50/60)	Decreased 15% (539/458)
<b>Overall Total:</b>	<b>Decreased 12% (340/298)</b>	<b>Less than a % point (4227/4233)</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**

Five categories of select crimes had a decrease for the period led by Burglary-Other decreased 50% (6/3); Robbery decreased 32% (19/13); Theft decreased 27% (115/84); Burglary-Residential decreased 11% (36/32) and Assault/Battery decreased 5% (97/92). Increases for this period were led by Theft-Vehicle increased 83% (12/22); Burglary-Vehicle increased 24% (21/26) and Vandalism increased 20% (50/60).

### **Countywide**

Four categories of select crimes had a decrease for the period led by Burglary-Other decreased 32% (150/102); Theft decreased 15% (1521/1298); Vandalism decreased 15% (539/458) and Burglary-Residential decreased 12% (417/369). Increases for this period were led by Theft-Vehicle increased 67% (183/305); Assault/Battery increased 30% (733/950); Robbery increased 19% (118/141) and Burglary-Vehicle increased 8% (566/610).

<b>Individual Partners</b>	<b>Overall Decrease or Increase</b>
Northeast Florida Community Action Agency	Decreased 21% (29/23)
Northwest Jax	Decreased 7% (150/140)
Operation New Hope	Decreased 5% (177/169)

**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 construction for Beaver Street Villas, housing for veterans and office space for the Veterans Administration, has a completion date of August 2016.
- Operation New Hope's Dozier Apartments, a 14-unit multifamily project at 122 West 8<sup>th</sup> Street is expected to be completed early August 2016. To date, six rental applications have been approved.

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

- Northwest Jax CDC has released an RFP seeking a general contractor for the construction of the Payne Avenue Walk project.
- Operation New Hope has selected ACON Construction for construction of its three single-family homes on Phelps and Sparring Street. An issue to proceed will be done early August.

### **CDC Impact July 2016:**

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

During the month of June, Clara White met with the following organizations that learned about volunteer opportunities at Clara White Mission: Arlington Women's Club, Cox Media, Florida Community College, Grayson Law Firm, Jacksonville Sheriff's Office, St. Vincent's Hospital and Family Medical Center, Summerville Baptist Church, USO, Visit Jacksonville, and interns from University of North Florida and John Hopkins University.

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

Northeast Florida Community Action Agency, Inc. (NFCAA) provided Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) services to 63 residences in the North Riverside community to help residents pay their utility bills.

To ensure optimal neighborhood involvement at the North Riverside Crime Prevention Forum (Night out against Crime) on August 2, NFCAA staff spent several days distributing over 400 flyers to businesses and community residents. The forum will be held at Mallison Park and they are anticipating 300 individuals.

On July 21, the North Riverside Neighborhood Association met at the North Riverside Community Center located at 2711 Edison Avenue to discuss revitalization of the community and plans for the three to five year Quality of Life strategy. There were 34 attendees in attendance.

The Weatherization Assistance program provided energy efficient services to one residence in North Riverside.

Eight candidates secured jobs as a result of the training and vocational certification program. The candidates were provided with the following additional services to assist with their success in securing a job: JTA (31 day) bus pass, uniforms, Certified Nursing Assistant program fees, exam fees, and assistance with utility bills.

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

On July 16, NJCDC completed a community clean up at 20<sup>th</sup> and Moncrief Street with five people participating. Trash and debris were collected that helped beautify the entrance into the 29<sup>th</sup> and Chase community.

NJCDC participated in three neighborhood meetings with 35 individuals in attendance and six block captains were identified for community hot spots.

NJCDC participated in the Northeast Florida Community Action Agency's Data Buster's summer job program for youth. The 29 year-old, six-week program provides summer jobs, computer technology, job training, and life and job skills for youth ages 14 to 16. NJCDC had four youth for four weeks this summer. The youth created and surveyed 40 of their peers. The survey addressed concerns the interns had about the community. As a result of the surveys, the interns created a Northwest Youth Advisory Board that will solicit other youth to tackle some of the concerns identified from the survey. NJCDC was excited to host a site for the youth to come together with adults to address community issues.



**Data Buster Interns**

On July 22, NJCDC participated in creating a new community space. Brick pavers that were painted by local youth from a previous Martin Luther King event were placed in a triangle to form a rock garden for the community to enjoy.



**Rock Garden**

### ***Operation New Hope***

During July, Operation New Hope completed its contract negotiations with ACON. The next step in the process is to close on the financing for the three single-family homes on Phelps and Spearing Street and then issue a notice to proceed. This should be completed by the first week of August.

Also this month, staff completed one owner occupied rehab project with the help of Jacksonville Legal Aid and Jewish Family and Community Services. Staff also completed two one-on-one credit counseling training sessions and also participated in an Eastside Neighborhood watch meeting.

Operation New Hope is currently in the process of re-vamping their neighborhood watch program to encourage more people to attend the meetings.

The Dozier Apartments are slated to be completed the end of August and they are in the process of accepting applications. A total of six applicants were approved for the apartments.

Operation New Hope partnered with Groundworks Jacksonville Green Team to create a new community garden space for the Eastside residents. The space will create opportunities for the Eastside neighborhood to cultivate an understanding of gardening, as well as to foster community and respect amongst the citizens of the Eastside Neighborhood. The Green Team is a youth oriented summer program that connects inner-city youth with the environment by cultivating gardening projects.

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

On June 28, SPAR held a community cleanup in Klutho Park with nine residents participating. Several bags of trash were collected and the scoreboard for the baseball field was repainted.

On June 28, SPAR hosted the monthly SHADCO meeting for the Springfield area with 15 residents attending.

SPAR held their 10th annual Fourth of July Throwback Baseball Game and Celebration on July 4. There were over 100 individuals that attended the event.

On July 7, SPAR hosted a business association meeting that is open to the public. Guest speaker was Ronni Wood of the Florida Main Street program with 20 individuals attending.

SPAR held their monthly board meeting on July 19. The meeting is public and 14 individuals attended this community meeting, where plans for updates to the historic district survey were discussed.

**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	July 2016			
	Events	People	Units/ Homes	Lots
Community Events	1	100		
Crime Prevention Programs	4	39		
Block Captains Identified		6		
Community Clean-ups	2	14		
Individual Credit Counseling Sessions		3		
Individual Financial Literacy Training		16		
Homebuyer Workshops				
Job Training Workshops				
Neighborhood Business Meetings	1	20		
Neighborhood Meetings	4	73		
Securing a Job as a Result of Training		8		
<b>Total:</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>279</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.