

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 February 2015 compared to February 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 February **decreased 10%**. Overall, crime statistics for Duval County as a whole **decreased 8%** for the same period.

| Category | Combined CDCs Areas | Duval County |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Assault-Battery* | Decreased 16% (77/65) | Decreased 9% (751/681) |
| Burglary-Other* | Decreased 50% (8/4) | Decreased 25% (118/89) |
| Burglary-Residential | Decreased 20% (25/20) | Decreased 12% (295/261) |
| Burglary-Vehicle | Increased 125% (8/18) | Increased 40% (317/344) |
| Robbery* | No Change (6/6) | Increased 25% (77/96) |
| Theft* | Decreased 15% (79/67) | Decreased 24% (1367/1035) |
| Theft-Vehicle | Decreased 29% (7/5) | Increased 34% (111/149) |
| Vandalism* | No Change (41/41) | Decreased 1% (403/398) |
| Overall Total: | Decreased 10% (251/226) | Decreased 8% (3439/3153) |

* 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% (8/4); Theft-Vehicle decreased 29% (7/5); Burglary-Residential decreased 20% (25/20); Assault/Battery decreased 16% (77/65); and Theft decreased 15% (79/67). Select crime category increases were Burglary-Vehicle increased 125% (8/18), while Robbery (6/6) and Vandalism (41/41) remained the same.

Countywide

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| Individual Partners | Overall Decrease or Increase |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| Northeast Florida Community Action Agency | Decreased 52% (25/12) |
| Northwest Jax | Decreased 6% (109/103) |
| Operation New Hope | Decreased 5% (117/111) |

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 8th Street, with a completion date of May 2016. Once completed in June, tenants will begin to move.
- Clara White Mission construction is on-going for the Beaver Street Villas, a 16-unit housing development through the Department of Veteran's Affairs to local veterans. Expected completion date for the project is July 2016.

Single-Family Update:

- Northwest Jacksonville CDC demolition continues on 1065 West 11th Street that consisted of three buildings to make way for Payne Avenue Walk, a 12 single-family subdivision. NJCDC is working through the design phase of the project and completion date is not known at this time.
- During the month of March, Operation New Hope released a Request for Proposal for the construction of three-single family homes. Bid are due at the end of April, with a contractor being selected in May.

CDC Impact March 2016:

Clara White Mission

Clara White Mission has a client that has a felony in his background. The client was released to Clara White Mission in December 2015. The client has been diligently looking for employment, but was having a hard time because of the felony. Staff at Clara White attended a training class for the federal bonding program and due to this program, the individual was able to secure employment within his field, plumbing, and the employer was able to feel secure in the knowledge that he was protected from any losses by hiring a felon. The client has located housing and Clara White worked with the housing complex to have the deposit and application fee lowered.

Northeast Florida Community Action Agency (NFCAA)

A family of three were living in substandard housing where they rented one room. NFCAA assisted the family in locating to a safe and affordable housing by securing a two-bedroom apartment. NFCAA provided funds for the deposit and first month's rent. NFCAA also assisted with the JEA deposit. The husband needed clothing and items for his new job at a restaurant as a chef. NFCAA provided a voucher to purchase the required necessities for his new job that included no skid shoes, socks, work shirt and pants, and a meat thermometer. NFCAA, also provided a 31 day bus pass for transportation to and from work.

Northwest Jacksonville CDC (NJCDC)

NJCDC participated in four neighborhood meetings in March. Meetings covered a wide range of topics including community engagement, crime, beautification projects, and rehabilitation programs. Council Gaffney attended the Planet Watch Neighborhood Association meeting to receive feedback from the community.

NJCDC is proud to announce a 20% crime reduction at 1065 W. 11th Street. During six months of ownership, crime reduced by 20% according to JSO crime stats. NJCDC looks forward to additional reduction of crime as they complete the demolition of the blighted buildings and construction of the new single-family sub-division Payne Avenue Walk.

A financial workshop was held on March 19 in conjunction with Fifth/Third Bank. Participants received free credit reports, credit enhancement tools, information about down payment assistance programs, and possible mortgage preapprovals.



Payne Avenue Demolition

Operation New Hope

This month, Operation New Hope spearheaded a Historic Springfield and North Springfield clean up. The cleanup took place on 8th Street as well as Boulevard up to 22nd Street. There were 26 volunteers and that collected 70 bags of trash. The volunteers consisted of Ready4Work participants as well as Operation New Hope staff and nursing students from Chamberlain University.

Operation New Hope released a Request for Proposals for construction bids for the development of three single family homes. This RFP was published on Monday the 21. The construction bids are due at the end of April and a contractor will be awarded in May. Also, this month Operation New Hope organized an Eastside Neighborhood Watch meeting and a neighborhood block captain was chosen who will lead in watching and reporting suspicious activity to the proper authorities.



Historic Springfield and North Springfield Clean Up

Springfield Preservation and Revitalization Council, Inc. (SPAR)

SPAR held their first historic preservation workshops, “Financing Your Historic Home” on March 3, in partnership with Wells Fargo. On the same evening (after the workshop), SPAR hosted a neighborhood watch “Night Riders” event, an evening bike ride around the community for residents.

On March 11, SPAR hosted a community event to welcome new residents and share information about SPAR initiatives.

SPAR hosted an annual Hogan’s Creek/Klutho Park cleanup on March 19, with more than 60 neighborhood volunteers collecting more than 80 bags of garbage from the creek and parks.

SPAR co-hosted a luncheon for SAMBA members with the Arlington Rotary club on March 17.

SPAR's liaison promoted and hosted the monthly Zone 1 SHADCO meeting at the Kennedy Center on March 22. SPAR continued to work with JSO throughout the month in connection with their security fund and off duty officer program.

SPAR hosted a large community event at the Boys and Girls Club on March 23 with more than 75 in attendance. A workshop was held on proposed COJ capital improvement projects and learned of the Boys and Girls clubs plans to renovate their facility.

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 | March 2016 | | Units/ Homes | Lots |
|--|------------|------------|-----------------|------|
| | Events | People | | |
| Community Events | 4 | 125 | | |
| Crime Prevention Programs | 2 | 30 | | |
| Block Captains Identified | | | | |
| Community Clean-ups | 2 | 86 | | |
| Individual Credit Counseling Sessions | | 5 | | |
| Individual Financial Literacy Training | 1 | 23 | | |
| Homebuyer Workshops | 1 | 4 | | |
| Job Training Workshops | | | | |
| Neighborhood Business Meetings | | | | |
| Neighborhood Meetings | 7 | 78 | | |
| Securing a Job as a Result of Training | | 2 | | |
| Total: | 17 | 353 | | |

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.