

**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 August 2015 compared to August 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 August **decreased 10%**. 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>	Increased 3% (108/111)	Increased 19% (793/940)
<b>Burglary-Other*</b>	Decreased 45% (11/6)	Increased 12% (123/138)
<b>Burglary-Residential</b>	Decreased 14% (49/42)	Decreased 24% (444/338)
<b>Burglary-Vehicle</b>	Decreased 18% (33/27)	Increased 58% (474/747)
<b>Robbery*</b>	Decreased 33% (18/12)	Decreased 1% (141/139)
<b>Theft*</b>	Decreased 24% (104/80)	Decreased 23% (1614/1245)
<b>Theft-Vehicle</b>	Increased 23% (13/16)	Increased 12% (220/247)
<b>Vandalism*</b>	Increased 7% (42/45)	Increased 2% (502/512)
<b>Overall Total:</b>	<b>Decreased 10% (378/339)</b>	<b>Less than a % point (4311/4306)</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 45% (11/6); Robbery decreased 33% (18/12); Theft decreased 23% (104/80); Burglary-Vehicle decreased 18% (33/27) and Burglary-Residential decreased 14% (49/42). Increases for this period were led by Theft-Vehicle increased 23% (13/16); Vandalism increased 7% (42/45) and Assault/Battery increased 3% (108/111).

### **Countywide**

Three categories of select crimes had a decrease for the period led by Burglary-Residential decreased 24% (444/338); Theft decreased 23% (1614/1245) and Robbery decreased 1% (141/139). Increases were led by Burglary-Vehicle increased 58% (474/747); Assault/Battery increased 19% (793/940); Burglary-Other increased 12% (123/138); Theft-Vehicle increased 12% (220/247) and Vandalism increased 2% (502/512).

<b>Individual Partners</b>	<b>Overall Decrease or Increase</b>
Northeast Florida Community Action Agency	Decreased 24% (37/28)
Northwest Jax	Decreased 2% (170/166)
Operation New Hope	Decreased 15% (171/145)

**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 and the HVAC contractor did not complete the work by September 30.
- Operation New Hope's Dozier Apartments, a 14-unit multifamily project at 122 West 8<sup>th</sup> Street is nearing completion. The delay in completing the project was due to the mechanical engineer's drawing not being 100% correct and the HVAC contractor was not able to complete the work by September 30. The expected completion date is October 31 and all 14-units should be leased.

### **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 not received a notice to proceed from the City of Jacksonville to begin construction for three new single-family homes on the Eastside. Operation New Hope anticipates receiving the notice to proceed mid-October.

### **CDC Impact September 2016:**

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

During the month of September, Clara White Mission met with the Junior League and the residents in North Riverside on September 6 to discuss a community project.

On September 7, staff met with Valerie Hendrix Jenkins from Wells Fargo to discuss financial workshops and resources for the expansion of new initiatives within the community.

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

On September 6, the North Riverside Crime Prevention Forum held a meeting. Guest speakers were from JSO Dispatch Center that provided information on 911 calls. Elections were held and four block captains were identified as a point of contact between JSO and the neighborhood.

Financial Literacy is the ability to understand money and how to manage it so that a person can make informed financial decisions. On September 8 and September 20, attendees were provided with in depth financial assistance and received certifications for completing the Financial Literacy Education Training.

The North Riverside Neighborhood Association held a meeting on September 15. Topics of discussions were the revitalization of the committee and plans for the 3-5 year Quality of Life strategy.

During the month of September, NFCAA held two community clean ups. Cleaning up the North Riverside neighborhood was a rewarding project because it was a visual project because the results were seen immediately. On September 22, a cleanup was held at Mallison Park (Lackawanna). On September 23, a cleanup was held on the following streets: Day Avenue, Cecelia Street, and Crystal Street. This neighborhood cleanup was an effective way to work together as a neighborhood in order to instill pride in the property for homeowners as well as their community.

On September 22 and 23, NFCAA provided beautification to four homes on Cecelia Street in the North Riverside community. This beautification project served as a focus for community organizing. The homeowners teamed up with NFCAA to bring greenery and flowers to yards to improve appearance. New mailboxes and window shutters also gave the residents a sense of pride. The beautification project is more than fixing up yards, but it's about looking beyond the front door but connecting with people that live nearby and realizing if residents come together, great things can happen. NFCAA's mission is to build a more caring community through thoughtful and inspired actions for the North Riverside neighbors. The agency was able to provide employment for the two days to a homeowner who provided landscaping services. Not only did this create a job, but it was a way to reach out to fellow neighbors and establish lasting relationships.

Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) is a multi-disciplinary approach to deterring criminal behavior. NFCAA provided "Lights and Locks" to four homes in the North Riverside neighborhood. By installing locks, CPTED attempts to control access to homes and installing porch lights. The homeowners welcomed the "Lights and Locks" project as a way to exhibit signs of ownership.

NFCAA completed Weatherization Assistance services to three homes for low-income families in North Riverside to create energy efficient and safer housing units.

The North Riverside Development Organization was created years ago and the organization had been inactive for approximately seven years. NFCAA helped the neighborhood association reorganize and facilitate meetings dating back to March 2016. NFCAA has worked with the organization to conduct monthly meetings. Additionally, through LISC Jacksonville, NFCAA has obtained the services of a Neighborhood Engagement consultant to help with the process to re-establish the organization. The North Riverside Development Organization is now viable and performing work to enhance the North Riverside area of Jacksonville.

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

In September, NJCDC completed renovation on two units on West 7<sup>th</sup> Street. These units were boarded up and added to the blight in the community. As a result of the rehabilitation NJCDC has added two affordable rental units in the community.

On September 17, NJCDC and Wells Fargo completed Paint the Town event. Five senior homeowners received new doors, repairs, pressure washing, tree trimming and painting. This project allowed seniors in the community to receive needed repairs and beautification to their homes.

NJCDC staff met with four neighborhood associations to discuss crime watch programs and crime in their communities.

On September 8, Fifth Third Bank provided a financial literacy training and NJCDC was excited about the partnership to assist in educating residents on financial literacy.

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

On September 9, Operation New Hope conducted a clean-up that encompassed Historic Springfield Main Street and surrounding historic streets within Springfield.

Operation New Hope staff held a Credit Repair Workshop on September 27. The training covered steps to establish and maintain good credit, understanding information contained within a credit report, identifying the three credit reporting agencies and the five credit laws and the protection the laws provide.

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

On September 19, SPAR held their monthly board meeting that is open to the public. Topics of discussion included support for new businesses planning to open on Main Street, proposed legislation related to SPAR's commercial corridors, plans for use of our security fund, Main Street beautification projects, and plans for future neighborhood cleanups.

SPAR held their joint meeting of SAMBA and the Arlington Rotary Club on September 29 at Uptown Kitchen. Topics of discussion included ways to work together to support businesses in both neighborhoods, and the potential for forming a Springfield – Arlington Rotary Club to bolster membership and increase effectiveness

**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	September 2016			
	Events	People	Units/ Homes	Lots
Community Events				
Crime Prevention Programs	5	68		
Block Captains Identified		8		
Community Clean-ups	3	32		
Individual Credit Counseling Sessions				
Individual Financial Literacy Training	3	32		
Homebuyer Workshops				
Job Training Workshops	1	6		
Neighborhood Business Meetings	1	7		
Neighborhood Meetings	3	36		
Securing a Job as a Result of Training				
<b>Total:</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>181</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	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 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.