

**Program Name: LISC**

**Department Name: Housing & Neighborhoods Department**

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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 Metrics for its work with CDC partners supported through Jacksonville Journey funding is based on Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) and defensible space strategies. All program activities described occur in Health Zone 1.

**LISC Jacksonville Crime Report for Jacksonville Journey for fiscal year 2013-2014. 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 fiscal year **decreased 3%**. In select crime statistics for the **county as a whole there was no percentage change** in the year over year comparison. Data Source: LISC Jacksonville and Jacksonville Sheriff's Office Crime Analysis Unit

Category	Combined CDCs Areas	Duval County
Assault-Battery*	Decreased 6% (2505/2348)	Decreased 4% (11658/11220)
Burglary-Other*	Decreased 2% (350/343)	Increased 16% (1756/2043)
Burglary-Residential	Decreased 13% (1229/1066)	Decreased 7% (5745/5354)
Burglary-Vehicle	Increased 12% (531/596)	Increased 8% (4320/4649)
Robbery*	Increased 10% (362/398)	Increased 9% (1453/1578)
Theft*	Decreased 3% (2692/2614)	No Change (19682/19646)
Theft-Vehicle	Increased 33% (246/327)	Increased 19% (1449/1728)
Vandalism*	Decreased 1% (1294/1280)	No Change (6428/6446)
<b>Overall Total:</b>	<b>Decreased 3% (9209/8972)</b>	<b>No Change (52491/52664)</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

**As part of a new Jacksonville Sheriff's office data access policy, not all previously reported crime categories are available to include Sexual offenses and murder/homicides are no longer reflected in our LISC analysis.**

**Combined CDC Areas**

Three categories of select crimes decreased for the period: led by Burglary-Residential decreased 13%; Assault-Battery decreased 6%; Theft decreased 3%; Burglary-Other decreased 2%; and Vandalism decreased 1%. The number of crime categories that increased over the period: Theft-Vehicle increased 33%; Burglary-Vehicle increased 12%; and Robber increased 10%.

**Countywide**

Two categories of select crime decreased for the period: Burglary-Residential decreased 7% and Assault/Battery decreased 4%. The number of crime categories that increased over the period: Theft-Vehicle increased 19%; Burglary-Other increased 16%; Robbery increased 9%; and Burglary-Vehicle increased 8%. There was no change for Theft and Vandalism.

Individual CDC	Overall Decrease or Increase	Major Crime Categories
New Town Success Zone	Decreased 15% (354/301)	Burglary-Residential, down 45%
Operation New Hope	Decreased 2% (1903/1864)	Burglary-Other, down 41%
Northwest Jacksonville	Decreased 8% (2104/1942)	Robbery, down 24%
Wealth Watchers	Decreased 14% (469/402)	Theft, down 34%

## Neighborhood Revitalization Activities: Jacksonville CDCs are creating positive energy for neighborhood stabilization.

### Commercial Development Update:

- **Northwest Jacksonville's** North Point Commercial Retail Office Center: NJCDC opened their North Point Café, a coffee and food gathering place in the Northwest Community that offers free Wi Fi and a safe haven for seniors and youth. This is a place where people can gather to dine, relax and experience a feeling of connection in the Northwest Community. Having a **Wi Fi cafe** attracts a wider customer base, ranging from seniors, work-at-home professionals to students who are looking for a place to work on their schoolwork. All retail and office spaces are scheduled to be occupied by March 2015. A Pediatric Dental Clinic is under construction and scheduled to be open by spring 2015.

### Single-Family Construction/Rehabilitation Update:

- **Northwest Jacksonville CDC, Operation New Hope, and Wealth Watchers:** Each agency has existing single-family housing projects in their respective pre-development pipelines that will ultimately transform blighted properties into beautiful homes for qualifying homebuyers. These CDCs are waiting the City's release of the necessary mortgage and development gap financing for each home.

### Multi-Family Update:

- Ability Housing start construction on Villages on Wiley, a 43 unit apartment complex apartment that will provide permanent supportive housing for homeless households. The first phase will be completed and ready for occupancy by May, 2015, with final completion scheduled for July, 2015.
- Operation New Hope is moving forward with the construction of the 8<sup>th</sup> Street 14 unit multifamily project. This month, Operation New Hope submitted the signed funding contracts to the City. Operation New Hope expects to start construction in January.

### CDC Impact:

#### *Ability Housing*

In the month of December, most of the activities at Ability Housing properties have centered around community social activities such as holiday parties while Ability Housing, property management and support service staff worked together with Family Foundations, Catholic Charities, Workforce Development and other community providers to establish a comprehensive strategy to assist Ability Housing residents to attain greater economic independence, establish a safer living environment, and improve educational opportunities for both adults and children. One of the components of this plan will be an improvement in the tracking of activities and outputs and outcomes for all residents. Additionally, this plan will lead to a new set of targets for the Jacksonville Journey centered on the three objectives of a safe living environment, improved educational outcomes, and increased economic independence. Implementation of the plan will begin in February 2015.

#### *Clara White Mission*

For the month of December, Clara White Mission provided 18 ex-offenders with case management services to include: housing assistance and JEA utility assistance and other supports positing them for gainful employment. The goal of Clara White's work with ex-offenders is to help stabilize and/or keep family infrastructure together.

#### *New Town Success Zone*

Because New Town Success Zone operates on the schedule of Edward Waters College, students were given the holiday off. However, staff spent the time developing lesson plans for the spring semester that will focus on computer usage and helping students navigate the digital divide many of them face.

This upcoming semester each student will be given their own IEP (**Individual Education Plan**) that will allow them and the GED teacher the ability to customize educational efforts to reflect where the student is in their learning process.

Finally, New Town Success Zone began to connect the services associated with the parent organizers at both S.P. Livingston Elementary and Eugene Butler Middle School, which will allow the staff at both schools the ability to recommend parents to our GED program through parent teacher conferences and other events at both schools which neighborhood parents may take part in.

#### ***Northwest Jacksonville***

For the month of December, Northwest Jacksonville CDC engaged in the following events/activities December 1 - EPIC Call to Action meeting held at Job Corp to discuss the available services of NJCDC, Wells Fargo presented EPIC Action grant checks to neighborhood organizations; December 4 - Meeting with Beaches Habitat to discuss a possible collaboration of exchange training for community organizing at the beaches and fund raising at NJCDC; December 5 - Meeting with Northeast Florida VOAD at Duval County Emergency Operations Center to discuss annual membership, bylaw changes and officer elections for 2015; 12/06/2014 - Met with Old Floradale HOA and Paulin Construction Company; December 8 - Visited 10 foreclosed homes to determine a potential purchase, rehab and sale of home in the NCST program; December 9 - Royal Terrace Community Meeting; December 9 - Met with EPIC Consultant Jim Capraro and Gene Montgomery to discuss potential 2015 EPIC Initiatives; December 10 - Human Blight Committee Meeting to discuss the problem and resolution of blight in the Northwest Jacksonville area; December 10 - Washington Heights Community Meeting; December 11 - Met with Tiki Signs for Community Signs for Old Floradale HOA; December 17 - Planet Watch Community Meeting; December 15 - Sherwood Forest Neighborhood Association Community Meeting; December 15 - Conference call in preparation for the MLK service day project; December 16 - Ad Hoc Neighborhood Blight Subcommittee on Neighborhood Organizations will meet to discuss criteria, goals and structure of neighborhood organizations; and the vacant property registry; December 16 - Met with Maria Martelo to discuss NJCDC's participation in the One by One Convention. The convention will be held January 31, 2015 and will discuss public education to our City; December 16 - Met with Main Street Signs & Banners regarding NJCDC Banner Project; December 17 - MANIA Neighborhood Association Community Meeting; December 17 - Met at Ribault Sr. High to differentiate the MLK school vs. full school service projects; December 18 - Myrtle Avenue Moncrief Business Association Meeting; December 23 - Met with Hendersonville Association to assist in preparation for Community Block party event; and December 24 - Hendersonville Neighborhood Association Christmas community breakfast.

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

In the month of December, Operation New Hope worked with the Housing and Community Development Division as well as City Council to ascertain when project funding will be approved through City Council for CHDO HOME development proposed projects. The current outlook is that no funding will become available until after March 2015. This will impact the organizations ability to provide single family housing.

Operation New Hope is working with Bridges of America to provide financial literacy and homeownership counseling to the clients who participate within the program. In the month of December, Operation New Hope's Certified Housing Counselor provided a workshop to 143 people on the topic of Keys to Homeownership.

#### ***Wealth Watchers***

##### **Future Housing Development**

Wealth Watchers acquired two lots from the City of Jacksonville. Both lots were overgrown and a blight to the Sherwood Forest Community. Wealth Watchers has cleared both lots and completed the due diligence to determine the feasibility of building two homes. Wealth Watchers selected a housing design firm that had been previously approved by the community, however, discovered that there is a significant appraisal gap. Wealth Watchers has communicated the gap issue to the Housing and Community Development Division and is awaiting their decision as to availability of gap financing for housing development in the Sherwood Forest Area. Wealth Watchers is also working with Success Gardening to identify potential areas to begin a community garden in the Sherwood Forest.

**Before Clearing**



**After Clearing**



**Crime**

The Sherwood Forest Community Action Network continues to work with the Jacksonville Sheriff's office to report areas that may be a magnet for criminal activities. Wealth Watchers continues to monitor the crime stats and home burglaries continue to be the highest incidents of crime.

**Community Engagement**

Wealth Watchers is currently working with the Sherwood Forest Community Action Network and City Councilman Reggie Brown to plan a series of activities in 2015 to engage the community and bring in resources. The first event is planned for January.

**Community Beautification**

The Sherwood Forest Community Action Network was recently the recipient of a EPIC Action grant through Northwest Jacksonville CDC to complete the beautification project that was started by Wealth Watchers.

**Housing Preservation**

Wealth Watchers in partnership with City Councilman Reggie Brown, is planning a Housing Counseling Event in the Sherwood Forest Neighborhood for late January or early February, an exact date has not been determined.

**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	December 2014		Hot Spots	Units/ Homes	Lots	Veterans	Ex- Offenders	Formerly Homeless
	Events	People						
Crime Prevention Forums	3	77						
Block Captains Identified		1						
Crime Hot Spots Identified			4					
Financial Literacy and Counseling Workshops	1	147						
Individual Credit Counseling Sessions		1						
New Rental Housing Rented to Ex-Offenders				1			1	
New Rental Housing Identified for Ex-Offenders				3			3	
Supportive Services for Ex-Offenders		18					18	
Rental Units Purchased, Rehabilitated and Leased for Affordable Rental								
Students Enrolled in Monthly GED Preparation Class								
<b>Total:</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>			<b>22</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	D\$ Working with City on contract	Janet Owens Eugene Montgomery	10 West Adams Street, Suite 100 353-1300	Grant admin, technical assistance, program leveraging
Ability Housing	PT\$ Sub-contract pending LISC/City approval	Shannon Nazworth Executive Director	76 South Laura Street Suite 303 359-9650	Real estate development; Community engagement
Clara White Mission	PT\$ Sub-contract pending LISC/City approval	JuCoby Pittman-Peele Executive Director	613 West Ashley Street 354-4162	Commercial Corridor Revitalization; Community Engagement
New Town Success Zone	PT\$ Sub-contract pending LISC/City approval	PeDro Cohen Executive Director	1658 Kings Road 470-8262	Education; Community engagement
Northwest Jacksonville CDC	PT\$ Sub-contract pending LISC/City approval	Paul Tutwiler Executive Director	3416 Moncrief Road 598-9196	Real estate development; Community engagement
Operation New Hope	PT\$ Sub-contract pending LISC/City approval	Kevin Gay Executive Director	1830 North Main Street 354-4673	Real estate development; Community engagement
Wealth Watchers	PT\$ Sub-contract pending LISC/City approval	Carrie Davis Executive Director	1225 West Beaver Street 380-0292	Real estate development; Community engagement

## **Program Information**

Program Metrics/Statistics/Outcomes – CDCs and LISC mutually develop targets at the beginning of the grant term for single family and affordable housing development, affordable rental housing development, and 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.

LISC does not take an administrative fee for managing the City's funds. LISC further leverages the City's funds through our normal business activities of providing various support services, such as technical assistance and financing to non-profit businesses engaged in community revitalization efforts.