



LISC's Green Development Center provides financial resources, technical information, partnership opportunities, and education to LISC programs and the community development field, all in support of efforts to accelerate the use of green design, construction, and management principles in the built environment of low-income neighborhoods.

As the largest organization supporting community development in our nation's urban and rural communities, LISC believes that greener buildings are key components in achieving sustainable communities of choice and opportunity – good places to work, do business and raise children.



Energy-efficient and resource-efficient buildings with healthier indoor air:

- Preserve family income and wealth by lowering utility bills and increasing home values
- Connect neighborhoods to green-related job opportunities in the design and building trades
- Provide schools with better learning environments, and stronger operating margins
- Support healthier lifestyles by exposing residents to fewer toxic substances, lessening respiratory problems

LOCAL PROGRAM STRATEGIES

Using grants received by LISC, the Center has channeled resources to advance LISC's local green development support work. Some examples include:

Bay Area LISC launched "Green Connection," a program designed to (i) educate *new* affordable housing project developers about green building principles and encourage them to incorporate these principles into project scopes, and (ii) promote the inclusion of greener capital improvements and maintenance practices into *existing* affordable housing properties.

Boston LISC created a "green screen" assessment tool with partner New Ecology, Inc. The tool is being utilized by over a dozen project sponsors and design team members to plan projects that will take maximum advantage of greening opportunities. Boston LISC is also assembling a capital pool to provide short and long term financing for green projects.



The **Rural LISC** partner CDC, Fayette County Community Action Agency (FCCAA), is completing the construction of the first green building in Uniontown, PA. This is a two story 12,000 SF office building is reaching for Silver LEED Certification, which anticipates occupancy by September, 2006. A number of other projects, including a childcare facility and 110 units of housing are planning on implementing a green building criteria into the construction. The Green Building Alliance of Pittsburgh provided technical assistance in green housing and office building projects.

Twin Cities LISC is partnering with The Green Institute, a Minneapolis-based CDC with significant green experience that will act as mentor and to other CDCs in the Twin City community development field, providing them with direct technical assistance during the project design phase.

Virginia LISC has provided financial assistance to Winchester Forest, an 80 unit single-family affordable housing project in Richmond being developed by the Better Housing Coalition and built to Southface's Earthcraft guidelines.

Partners include: Global Green, USA, New Ecology, Inc., Southface, Energy Institute, and Earthpledge.

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