



LOCAL INITIATIVES SUPPORT CORPORATION

PROGRAM OFFICER - COMMUNITY SAFETY INITIATIVE

The Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) seeks a Program Officer to serve as a key member of a team implementing the **Community Safety Initiative (CSI)**, a national program which promotes the safety and vitality of inner city communities by supporting formal partnerships between community developers, police and other stakeholders. The position is based in New York City. Occasional travel is required.

About the Local Initiatives Support Corporation (www.lisc.org)

Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC), widely recognized as the nation's premier community development intermediary, has a 30 year history of investing in community-based organizations focused on the comprehensive redevelopment of urban and rural communities. LISC works throughout the nation to assist its partners in the development of real estate—affordable housing; commercial enterprises; childcare, educational and other community facilities—as well as various community-building programs. LISC works with its partners to make communities good places to work, do business and raise children.

About the Community Safety Initiative

Now in its 16th year, the Community Safety Initiative is a national program operated by LISC that focuses on crime prevention. It promotes collaboration among police, community developers and other stakeholders to reduce crime and revitalize the economic and social fabric of distressed neighborhoods. CSI seeks to integrate public safety into the core community development agenda of LISC and its partners by encouraging development and organizing that prevents crime, and law enforcement that supports sustainable neighborhood revitalization. To do this, CSI works with LISC field offices to provide financial resources and customized training and technical assistance to local safety teams. CSI also advocates for Congressional resources and cultivates private sector funding for community safety projects, with an emphasis on advancing both the law enforcement and community development industries toward more effective practices.

About the Position

Specific responsibilities will include:

- Provide technical assistance to LISC staff, community developers, police and other law enforcement personnel in CSI target areas around the country. This will involve regular communication and coaching to help local partners identify shared priorities; select achievable projects that yield public safety and community benefits; troubleshoot partnership challenges; evaluate progress; and leverage relationships to advance collaborative goals.
- Develop and deliver training on crime problem-solving, forming collaborative partnerships, Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design and other relevant topics. Assist in the development of case studies and other teaching tools regarding best practice strategies and techniques for community safety.
- Represent LISC-CSI at conferences, including moderating sessions and delivering presentations.
- Assist in managing CSI grants to community development groups, including identifying strategic uses for CSI grant resources and reporting to funders.

Qualifications

- Bachelor's Degree required. Advanced degree in urban planning, public/business administration, criminal justice, public policy or a related field is preferred. 3-5 years of demonstrated experience in community development, criminal justice, policing, or related fields. Experience in inner city community organizing preferred.
- Excellent oral and written communication skills. Strong interpersonal skills in working with a wide variety of people and organizations. Ability to promote consensus about strategies, plans and specific actions among diverse stakeholders. Experience as a technical assistance provider is desired.

To apply, please send resume, cover letter and writing sample to:

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