



**Local Initiatives Support Corporation  
Chicago**

**POSITION TITLE:** Senior Underwriter  
**REPORTS TO:** Executive Director/Deputy Director, Chicago  
**JOB CLASSIFICATION:** Exempt / Full Time  
**LOCATION:** Chicago

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**THE ORGANIZATION:**

**What We Do**

With residents and partners, LISC forges resilient and inclusive communities of opportunity across America – great places to live, work, visit, do business and raise families.

**Strategies We Pursue**

Strengthen existing alliances while building new collaborations to increase our impact on the progress of people and places.

Develop leadership and the capacity of partners to advance our work together

Equip talent in underinvested communities with the skills and credentials to compete successfully for quality income and wealth opportunities.

Invest in businesses, housing and other community infrastructure to catalyze economic, health, safety and educational mobility for individuals and communities.

Drive local, regional, and national policy and system changes that foster broadly shared prosperity and well-being.

Over the last 40 years, LISC and its affiliates have invested approximately \$20 billion in businesses, affordable housing, health, educational mobility, community and recreational facilities, public safety, employment and other projects that help to revitalize and stabilize underinvested communities. These investments have leveraged more than \$50 billion in development activity and helped families and communities raise their standards of living. LISC investments impact the lives of nearly 7 million Americans.

Headquartered in New York City, LISC's reach spans the country from East coast to West coast in 31 markets with offices extending from Buffalo to San Francisco. Our rural programs make an impact in 44 states, and are supported by LISC's talented and dedicated workforce. Visit us at [www.lisc.org](http://www.lisc.org)

To learn more about and learn more about LISC Chicago go to <http://www.lisc.org/chicago/>

### **Position Description**

LISC is seeking qualified candidates to fill the position of Senior Underwriter. This position will lead Chicago LISC's lending initiatives and will report to LISC's Chicago Executive Director or Deputy Director. The Senior Underwriter will be responsible for providing technical assistance to LISC local program staff and underwriting on behalf of LISC Chicago across a wide array of community development product types and asset classes. The Senior Underwriter will work in concert with LISC National Lending and Legal department staff. The position will handle the full range of lending activities, including structuring, underwriting, and closing of LISC Chicago loans. Primary responsibilities will include the following:

- Provide technical assistance to local Program Officers to identify potential loan clients
- Serve as primary underwriter for LISC Chicago Loans, including working with borrowers to structure the transaction, conducting due diligence and financial analyses, and drafting credit memoranda.
- Present loan recommendations to LISC's credit committee and Board of Directors, as applicable.
- Facilitate loan closings by working with counsel and borrowers on loan documentation and ensuring that all closing conditions have been satisfied.
- Work with local staff, the Executive Directors and other partners to design new loan products and lending programs and create related marketing, informational and application materials.
- Provide technical assistance support to partners to position their organizations to successfully implement more complex real estate developments.
- Perform other related duties as needed.

### **Qualifications**

Applicants should have the following qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university required; post-graduate degree strongly preferred.
- Minimum seven (7) years real estate lending or credit review experience at a bank, nonprofit financial intermediary or similar institution.
- Strong capacity in transaction structuring and underwriting, including ability to analyze financial statements, project development budgets, and project operating pro formas.
- Familiarity with government subsidies and tax credit programs.
- Excellent interpersonal skills and ability to work effectively across the LISC network of local and national programs and affiliates, including the National Equity Fund, Inc. (NEF) and New Markets Support Company (NMSC).

- Good organizational abilities, including ability to work independently and to manage multiple assignments simultaneously.
- Strong written and oral communication skills and excellent attention to detail.

**Job Specifications**

LISC offers an excellent compensation package. The position is available immediately.

To apply, please send a cover letter and resume via email to: [cgoldstein@lisc.org](mailto:cgoldstein@lisc.org)

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COMMITTED TO DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION**