



Performers at the thriving Little Mekong Night Market

NEIGHBORHOOD VIBRANCY

IMPROVING NEIGHBORHOOD QUALITY OF LIFE GOES BEYOND THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT AND FINANCIAL STABILITY

It means finding creative ways to leverage community assets, inspire resident engagement and pride of place, improve safety, and increase access to healthy lifestyles.

LISC was one of the earliest proponents of comprehensive community development in the Twin Cities, and we continue to explore a range of innovations in creative placemaking and community health.

THIS YEAR WE SEEK TO...



LEAD **CREATIVE PLACEMAKING** IN COMMERCIAL CORRIDORS TO ACTIVATE LOCAL DIVERSITY, UNITE COMMUNITIES, & BOOST NEIGHBORHOOD ECONOMIES



CREATE A PILOT TO **SUPPORT TWO COMMUNITY HUBS** THAT ALIGN HEALTH-RELATED STRATEGIES AND SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH



BUILD **COLLABORATIONS WITH ARTS, HEALTH CARE, PUBLIC HEALTH, AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT** TO LEARN AND ACT TOGETHER TO IMPROVE WELLBEING

OUR TRACK RECORD

CENTRAL CORRIDOR AS CULTURAL CORRIDOR

In 2013, prior to the completion of the Green Line light rail, we launched the Central Corridor as Cultural Corridor (C4) program to support community organizations that could maximize the unique arts and cultural assets of each of seven distinct cultural business districts along the line. The goal was to spur economic growth and vitality in the corridor.

LIBRARIES AND MUSEUMS AS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT HUBS

In 2016, LISC joined with the Institute of Museum and Library Services to produce an inspiring report on the catalytic role that libraries and museums are playing in revitalizing and strengthening neighborhoods.

NEIGHBORHOOD SECRETS WALKING TOURS

In 2016, we partnered with the Minnesota Historical Society to launch a series of sold-out Neighborhood Secrets Walking Tours that introduced Twin Citians to five of the C4 cultural business districts along University Avenue. The aim was not only entertainment and education, but long-term economic development.

HERITAGE PARK SENIOR SERVICES CAMPUS

We made a \$3.8 million New Markets Tax Credit investment in this state-of-the-art senior living center in North Minneapolis, which gathers under one roof the health services needed most by older people: a fitness center, a rehabilitation center, a medical clinic, an adult day services facility, and a comfortable lounge.



Staying healthy, at the Heritage Park Health and Wellness Center

LISC'S \$1.9 MILLION IN GRANT SUPPORT HELPED OUR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS

- ◆ Introduce **1,600** Twin Citians to seven cultural business districts along the Green Line
- ◆ Enhance healthy food access to over **6,000** individuals in target neighborhoods
- ◆ Improve access to quality health care for more than **37,500** individuals in target neighborhoods
- ◆ Renovate **9** playing fields, improving recreation opportunities for youth and communities throughout the region

"LISC's support has been all-important for our creative placemaking initiative, which has brought much needed economic and cultural benefits to the Little Mekong District and the surrounding Frogtown-Rondo neighborhood in St. Paul."

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