



Local Initiatives Support Corporation
Position Description

POSITION TITLE: Hampton Roads LISC Executive Director

REPORTS TO: Executive Vice President, Programs

PREFERRED LOCATION: Hampton Roads, VA; preferably Norfolk, VA

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

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.

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

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. Headquartered in New York City, LISC's reach spans the country from East coast to West coast in 32 markets with offices extending from Buffalo to San Francisco. Visit us at www.lisc.org.

LISC seeks an experienced leader to be the Executive Director of the new LISC program in Hampton Roads, VA which LISC is launching with a particular focus on impacting health of people and places through community development. This position will be leading the introduction of LISC to the Hampton Roads region of Virginia, marketing and building the staff and programmatic work while stewarding major institutional partnerships.

The Executive Director will provide the strategic direction and guidance for all aspects of LISC's program in Hampton Roads. The Executive Director is responsible for raising capital and resources locally that are leveraged by National LISC's support, and stewarding relationships with inaugural program sponsors in the health care industry. The position requires a strong commitment to the role of community-based non-profit organizations as agents of positive community change as well as an understanding of and appreciation for other key public and private partners who can offer additional resources to the work of community development in Hampton Roads. The ideal candidate will be able to demonstrate cultural competency working in communities of color, and have demonstrated experience in shaping real estate projects

and growing organizational capacity. The Executive Director reports to the Executive Vice President, and is in close communication with other members of the LISC management team and its national programs and affiliates.

I. Major Responsibilities:

1. Program development

- Assist in engaging a wide variety of community partners to help bring holistic and integrated services to targeted neighborhoods in the Hampton Roads area and other select communities across the state
- Develop, lead, and maintain a community development and social determinants of health impact agenda through dialogue with local governments, state agencies, other private and quasi-public financial institutions and intermediaries, advocacy groups, and community based organizations, and the use of data to inform decision making.
- Promote effective community development strategies to address health issues and attract resources to targeted under-resourced populations and neighborhoods.
- Identify and incorporate best practices gained from national LISC interaction into Hampton Roads program designs.

2. Build and promote a robust community development industry in Hampton Roads

- Craft and implement a strategy for expanding affordable housing in Hampton Roads, including various forms of supportive housing for people experiencing health challenges. This will involve dialogue with health care enterprises, local governments, state agencies, other private and quasi-public financial institutions and intermediaries, advocacy groups, and community based organizations.
- Develop and implement a strategy for expanding economic development, small business supports, financial stability and job opportunities for Hampton Roads residents, drawing on relevant LISC program models and engaging with major employers and economic development leaders.
- Working with other programmatic departments at LISC, develop and implement strategies related to safety & justice, sports & recreation, education, and other aspects of a robust comprehensive community development agenda.
- Work with local partners to build nonprofit and local leadership capacity through training, technical assistance and funding support.

3. Public policy leadership and advocacy

- Provide leadership on community development policy issues in Hampton Roads. Advocate on behalf of LISC and the policy networks at the local, state and federal levels to secure the tools necessary to advance a comprehensive redevelopment strategy.
- Establish and maintain effective working relationships at the highest levels of local and state governments as well as in the corporate and foundation sectors.
- Develop and maintain partnerships with community organizations and other advocacy groups engaged in public policy issues.
- Represent Hampton Roads LISC on key community task forces, commissions and other policy bodies, as appropriate.

4. Fundraising and Communications

- Identify and cultivate leadership from key corporate, foundation and other prospective donor sectors who share an interest in community development and health.
- Work with the leadership of the Local Advisory Committee (LAC) to raise sufficient funds annually to finance LISC Hampton Roads program activities and projects.
- Seek out new and creative resource development strategies for LISC and the community development field.
- Craft and carry out an effective communication strategy to increase awareness of the impact of LISC and its community partners.

5. Leadership and management

- Recruit and manage a staff to carry out LISC's strategy and operate its programs.

- Recruit and orient a diverse, skilled and broadly representative LAC membership.
- Coordinate strategic and annual planning/budgeting processes in collaboration with the LAC and LISC's executive vice president.

6. *Build and maintain positive relationships with national LISC*

- Participate in national LISC leadership structure and meetings.
- Bring visibility to local innovations and programs within the national LISC structure.
- Maximize the use of National LISC resources and expertise in Hampton Roads.

II. Required Qualifications:

- Ten years senior level experience in community development or related field.
- Demonstrated commitment to LISC's community development mission and a social determinants of health framework.
- Demonstrated ability to attract and sustain philanthropic funding.
- Demonstrated experience in shaping affordable housing through development or lending.
- Bachelor's degree in business, finance, real estate or related fields. Master's degree preferred.

III. Critical Qualities:

- Demonstrated track record in providing leadership for the development of strategic vision.
- Ability to establish priorities that align with a strategic plan and manage multiple agendas and programs effectively.
- Strong oral and written communication skills, including experience speaking publicly in diverse forums.
- Local market knowledge of policy.
- Fluency using and understanding data to inform decision making.
- Entrepreneurial orientation; ability to seek out creative approaches to community issues.
- Proven ability to work in culturally and ethnically diverse environments.
- Strong interpersonal skills and ability to work effectively with a wide variety of people and organizations, including senior level corporate, philanthropic, public sector representatives and community leaders; ability to inspire trust and to motivate staff and partners.
- Experience building and managing multi-sector partnerships.
- Demonstrated management experience, including staff development, financial management, and office administration.
- Preferred candidates will have experience with community development strategies, including awareness of real estate related resource and capital development strategies utilized in real estate and community revitalization efforts.

IV. Supervision and Compensation:

- The Executive Director reports to the LISC Executive Vice President.
- LISC offers a competitive salary and excellent fringe benefits. Some domestic travel is required.

Send RESUMES and COVER LETTERS via email to:

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No phone calls please

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