



Local Initiatives Support Corporation

Job Description – KC-CUR Project Manager

Position Location – Kansas City, MO

Job Classification – Exempt / Full Time

Reports To – Executive Director

About LISC: LISC is a national nonprofit intermediary, and a designated Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI), that provides financial and technical assistance to community-based organizations, public agencies and private nonprofit and for-profit entities focused on the revitalization of urban neighborhoods and rural communities. The organization works through 31 local offices in urban sites including Greater Kansas City LISC and a national rural program which operates in 44 states. In partnership with residents and multi-sector stakeholders, Greater Kansas City LISC attracts and coordinates local and national resources to strengthen neighborhoods in Kansas City, Missouri and Kansas City, Kansas. Greater Kansas City LISC is comprised of a small, passionate staff and a local advisory board dedicated to carrying out this mission. More information can be found at www.lisc.org/kansas_city/.

Project Background: The Kansas City Catalytic Urban Redevelopment (KC-CUR) initiative is currently one of Kansas City’s primary strategies for scaling up redevelopment on the city’s east side, focusing on both the People and the Place. Launched in 2014, it is spearheaded by a Project Steering Committee comprised of the City of Kansas City, MO, Urban Neighborhood Initiative (A Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce “Big 5” Initiative), LISC, and Mid-America Regional Council (MARC). The *KC-CUR Implementation Strategy* report released in 2016 is the culmination of a nine-month study to scale up the capacity and resources to implement transformative neighborhood revitalization within the Urban Neighborhood Initiative (UNI) area. Four Priority Areas have been selected that are best positioned to receive targeted attention and investment from public, private, and philanthropic partners in order to have the greatest positive impact for the community.

Based at LISC, the **KC-CUR Project Manager** will be the primary coordinator, strategist, and advocate for KC-CUR and will advance the KC-CUR Implementation Strategy in partnership with the UNI. Each of the Priority Areas has an emerging level of investment and community engagement already in place, and require a variety of approaches to seed the systems that accelerate their revitalization and foster community wealth and health. Ingrained in the process is a consensus-based approach to engage residents and provide opportunities for resident advocacy and neighborhood capacity building.

The Project Manager will work with the landowners, residents and community development organizations associated with each Priority Area to help advance the redevelopment plans and guiding principles of each Revitalization Scenario. In partnership with other UNI and LISC staff, this will encompass physical redevelopment opportunities and human capital programs. Alongside UINI’s Community Health & Wellness Specialist, the Project Manager will develop and promote community strategies to prevent displacement, promote affordability, and provide real economic opportunities for residents. This position will enhance the capacity of minority-owned businesses and fuel an entrepreneurial environment.

The KC-CUR Project Manager is a direct link for the partnership between LISC and UNI in the implementation of the KC-CUR strategy. The Project Manager reports to the LISC Executive Director, and updates the KC-CUR Steering Committee as needed. This is roughly a two-year position with funding committed by the City of Kansas City, MO.

Specific Job Responsibilities:

- Coordinate community stakeholders to complete and advance the Revitalization Scenarios
- Support and enhance the capacity of the KC-CUR partner organizations to carry the work forward in their respective Priority Areas
- Foster partnerships and seed programs for local wealth building strategies such as local employment, job training and entrepreneurialism
- Work with LISC’s real estate finance staff to attract and deploy capital for projects
- Assist LISC Executive Director in the development of the KC-CUR Capital Fund
- Develop and implement communication strategies that promote the KC-CUR strategy, inform residents, and aid fundraising efforts
- Identify and advocate for policy changes that protect and/or promote the revitalization principles of equity, inclusion and targeting of public resources
- Connect and capitalize on UNI initiatives including the Purpose Built Community model, Kansas City Neighborhood Academy charter school, the Vacant 2 Vibrant work groups, and the health and safety work group, and other local community and economic development strategies
- Manage the KC-CUR Implementation project budget and prepare reports to funders/partners
- Performs additional duties, as assigned

Required Experience

- Bachelor’s degree from an accredited college or university or equivalent experience required; Master’s degree preferred
- Knowledge and experience in community development strategies, including working knowledge of real estate related resources and capital development strategies
- Leadership of public-private revitalization strategies at a scale larger than a single neighborhood
- Strong understanding of community development financial models, including but not limited to low income housing tax credit investments and federal, state and city subsidy programs
- Experience building and maintaining relationships in culturally diverse environments
- Experience leading policy discussions and advocating at city and/or state levels
- Understanding of economic development models for building local community wealth and improving the financial stability of residents
- Excellent writing and verbal communication skills including proficiency in Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, and Excel.
- Creative, entrepreneurial, and solution-oriented approaches.

The position is based in Kansas City, Missouri. LISC offers a competitive salary and excellent benefits. For consideration, please forward a cover letter and resume to:

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