Local Initiatives Support Corporation
Position Description

POSITION TITLE: Program Officer, National Housing Programs
REPORTS TO: Senior Program Officer, National Housing Programs
JOB CLASSIFICATION: Full time/Exempt,
LOCATION: Flexible; Remote (Continental US)

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 $24 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 38 markets with offices extending from Buffalo to San Francisco and in 2,400 rural counties across 49 states and Puerto Rico. Visit us at www.lisc.org.

Summary
National Housing Program seeks an entrepreneurial colleague to support the team and identify affordable housing development and finance opportunities to further LISC’s mission. The Program Officer (“PO”) will play a crucial role in supporting the National Housing Program Business Plan, which includes supporting local offices in building a housing strategy in their markets and pursuing unique projects approved by the President. This role offers an exciting opportunity to work on innovative community development initiatives that are addressing equitable addressing housing affordability, racial equity, and income inequality across LISC’s local offices. The PO will help LISC develop a homeownership wealth preservation strategy and explore opportunities to replicate the strategy in other LISC markets. The PO will work closely with teams in our field offices and national housing staff, in close coordination with other national teams and our affiliate, the National Equity Fund (www.nefinc.org). The PO will provide guidance and support on broad housing policy issues and will help LISC staff and the community groups we work with to conceptualize and implement specific development and preservation opportunities. The position will support training goals for the local office and their development partners. This role will contribute to Project 10X, LISC’s commitment to addressing racial health, wealth, and opportunity gaps.

Current priorities for the housing efforts supported by LISC in our local sites, and through our national rural program, include:
• Preservation of affordable housing, through project specific technical assistance, targeted lending, knowledge sharing, development of partnerships with state and local government, and the analysis, development, and promotion of preservation-oriented public policies.

• Designing and implementing strategies that build wealth through the successful transfer of home value to future generations.

• Support to homeowners of color access and deploy the financial resources and programmatic supports necessary to repair their homes and preserve values as an asset.

• Engagement of legal and professional services required to investigate and provide pathways to resolve legal, tax and probate related challenges that can diminish, or effectively block, homeowners from accessing equity in their homes.

• Exploring opportunities to replicate successful housing strategies in LISC markets in a way that is tailored to meet local programmatic and housing ecosystem conditions.

• Providing guidance, support, and technical assistance to field offices on designing and implementing large-scale housing production strategies, including creative financing mechanisms.

• Collaborating across sectors to scale impact, such as working closely with health institutions to integrate health equity in affordable housing redevelopment.

• Identification of unique housing finance opportunities using LISC’s lending tools.

• Performs additional duties, as required.

Qualifications

• Bachelor’s degree in business, urban planning, finance, real estate or related fields from an accredited college or university. Master’s degree preferred.

• Minimum 5 years of experience in housing, community development, real estate, capital development and community revitalization; knowledge of affordable home homeownership development and finance required.

• Demonstrated ability and facility in the fundamentals of housing finance; knowledge of Excel required.

• Experience in shaping affordable housing through development or lending.

• Familiarity with federal housing finance and subsidy programs.

• Demonstrated ability to work effectively with national, state, and local policy leaders to advance LISC’s housing mission.

• Strong oral and written communication skills

LISC offers a competitive salary and benefits package. Periodic domestic travel for peer learning, training and national LISC activities about 5% annually

To apply, please send a cover letter and resume via email to, mskrebutenas@lisc.org.

We thank all applicants for their interest; however only those candidates selected for interviews will be contacted. (No phone calls please)

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