LISC RUBINGER COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP

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WHY THIS PROJECT?

• Local projects with varying degrees of success

• High levels of mistrust in the community

• Small number of community development organizations

• Two examples of cross-sector partnerships

• Desire to see more cross-sector partnerships
PROGRAM GOALS

• Conduct interviews, research, and analysis of cross-sector partnerships that exist in cities across the nation.

• Create a resource about building cross-sector partnerships that advance community (economic) development in cities, corridors, and neighborhoods that faced challenges such as disinvestment, abandonment, safety, opportunity, and resource scarcity.

• Work with 1-3 neighborhoods or corridors/communities in Flint to build or strengthen their cross-sector partnerships.
IMPLEMENTATION

- Interviews
- Research
- Analysis
- Resource
- Assisting local neighborhoods/community groups
INTERVIEWS

• What was the catalyst for the organization’s creation?

• How have you seen the organization evolve over its life?

• What are some of the points of pride or highlights/wins?

• How do you measure success? Do you have a recent report that you could share?

• What challenges has the organization encountered?

• Are there outside constraints that impact your ability to take on certain projects or types of work?

• What is the organization's relationship with community residents?

• What would you think may be missing and needs to be added? Or is there an opportunity for another organization to fill that opportunity?

• Where do you see the organization going in the next 5-10 years?

• If the organization did not exist what do you think the area would be like or look like?
CHALLENGES

• Shifted from LLC (side work) to day job.

• Writing a book

• Findings relative to the types of anchor partners and applicability locally.

CHANGES

• Evolution of the University Avenue Corridor Coalition or new entity

• Book —> Case Studies/Resource/How To

• Work with local neighborhoods

• Work with Flint’s second CBCR grant
Primary use is actually regarding the University Avenue Corridor Coalition.

Nearly all sites began their work for the same reasons (disinvestment, crime, poverty, blight, housing issues, infrastructure issues, structural changes in the City)

Most sites moved through the same phases (planning, implementation, maintenance)

Some sites started with mergers, and some are considering dissolution of services or evolution)
FINAL PRODUCT/FINDINGS

• Most sites engaged in real estate development, public space maintenance, infrastructure, small business support, urban planning, community engagement, events/placemaking,

• Mix of services (including affordable housing) had tremendous results including restoring or strengthening the private market, crime reduction, and economic inclusion.

• Some sites expanded boundaries or added additional service areas.
LOCAL COMMUNITY IMPACT

• University Avenue Corridor Coalition Evolution or a new organization.

• Provides a “how to” or sequencing for future work in the corridor or in other parts of the city.

• Community Development Working Group’s next steps

• Longer-range planning regarding other parts of the city.
REFLECTION

- Timely (UACC, Flint’s recovery)
- Community Development
- Cross-Sector partner connections
- Fellowship cohort
- Fellowship (as a whole)
WHAT’S NEXT?

• Community Development Working Group

• Work with neighborhoods (CBCR #2)

• Share with local foundation

• Local, statewide, regional, national work

• Explore smaller groups (less institution more neighborhood/small business)