



# 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

# FINAL PRODUCT/FINDINGS

- 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)