Local Initiatives Support Corporation
Position Description

POSITION TITLE: Senior Program Officer, National Housing Programs
REPORTS TO: Housing Director
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 Senior Program Officer (“SPO”) for Housing will play a crucial role in helping LISC’s local offices and national rural program to design and implement strategic approaches to local and regional housing challenges. The SPO 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. 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 SPO will assist the local offices to identify unique mission-aligned project opportunities in our local markets and develop achievable solutions to address housing inequities. The SPO will also coordinate with LISC’s other national programs and our affiliate, the National Equity Fund (www.nefinc.org). The SPO 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 rental 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.

• Early-stage support for assessment of the opportunities for the development of new rental and homeownership projects, conceptualizing and planning complex housing development projects, including identification and assessment of developers, analysis of financing options, and underwriting assistance.

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

• 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.

• Performs additional duties, as required.

Qualifications
• Bachelor’s degree in business, finance, real estate or related fields. Master’s degree preferred.
• Minimum 5 years senior level experience in housing, community development, real estate, capital development and community revitalization.
• Demonstrated experience in financing and developing affordable housing, including a broad understanding of real estate finance.
• Specialization and knowledge to include tax credits (LIHTC, NMTC, HTC), and complex subsidy layering.
• 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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