Our Mission

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.

Our Model

Pool public and private dollars

Work with local partners

Support people and places

Our Focus

In Toledo, we focus our work on comprehensive community development strategies that incorporate housing, family income and wealth building, community engagement, and greenspace and economic development. LISC Toledo targets resources in four neighborhoods: Cherry Street, Downtown, East Toledo, and Monroe Street.

Graduates and instructors pose in November 2019 at the conclusion of the fourth cohort of the Advanced Manufacturing Bridges to Career Opportunities program, which connects un- or under-employed Toledo workers with supports & training to fill high-demand, living wage jobs in the manufacturing sector. Photo credit: Shaulonda Jones.

ON THE COVER: FOC client and first-time homeowner Mary poses outside. Photo credit: Alex Goetz.
LISC's 2019 National Footprint

- $1.8 Billion Total Invested
- $4.7 Billion Leveraged
- 3.4 Million Commercial Sq Ft
- 20,556 Affordable Housing Units
- 18,879 Jobs Created

LISC's 2019 Toledo Footprint

- $14.5 Million Total Investments
- $9.4 Million Leveraged
- $12.5 Million Loans to Businesses and Developers
- 3138 Service Hours by AmeriCorps-Recruited Volunteers
- 88 Healthy, Affordable Homes Sold
Housing

LISC works with partners to create & preserve affordable housing for low and moderate income families.

In 2019, through partnering with the YR16 Initiative, LISC Toledo:

Invested $240,500 in rehabbing core city homes, leveraging $434,000

Sold 3 YR16 homes to first-time homeowners.

Nina, an FOC client, first-time homeowner, and mother of three, inside her new home. Photo credit: Alex Goetz.
Financing

Accessing capital is essential to building wealth and supporting businesses to grow the economy. LISC’s financing toolkit is focused on equity and inclusion, advancing our community development strategies. We work together to upgrade physical surroundings--attracting new businesses and supporting existing ones, and planting seeds for neighborhood revitalization.

In 2019, Toledo LISC:

Celebrated the growth of ASAP Mow & Snow, Inc., a minority- and woman-owned business that--with the help of a $97,500 acquisition loan from LISC--was able to purchase the property they'd been renting as their headquarters.

Extended a $1.5 million predevelopment loan to support the mixed-use transformation of historic Fort Industry Square on Summit Street. When complete, the project will include 95 affordable residential units and 47,000 rentable commercial square feet.

AmeriCorps

Toledo LISC places dedicated AmeriCorps members with community partners in the neighborhoods where we work. Members serve to build the capacity of their host site and support its programs. They receive professional development opportunities and exposure to the community development field.

In 2019, LISC AmeriCorps members:

worked 14,500 hours

and recruited volunteers who provided 3,138 hours of service.
Comprehensive Community Development Spotlight: ESPN RePlay

We know that we can maximize the impact of our investments by working with residents to support initiatives that cut across multiple issue areas, improving neighborhood infrastructure and services. In short, comprehensive community development is always our goal.

In 2019, Toledo LISC:

Awarded $36,500 in planning grants to community partners to revitalize four vacant or underutilized sites for youth sports and recreation activities.

The sites & partners include:

- **Navarre Park** south of Varland Avenue, in partnership with Mercy Health, the City of Toledo, and the Toledo Refining Company
- **Superior Park**, in partnership with the City of Toledo, Friendly Center, and Toledo Zoo
- **The former site of Leverette Elementary School**, in partnership with the Police Athletic League
- **Vacant lots across from Birmingham Elementary School**, in partnership with Mercy Health, NeighborWorks, and Rebound Birmingham

These small-scale but high impact projects will create a sense of place, provide recreational space for neighborhood, and improve community health. These impacts can, in turn, pave the way for additional private investment in neighborhood development.

Support Us

To support comprehensive community development projects like the ones highlighted in this report, you can give online through our website at lisc.org/toledo. For corporate giving or to support a specific program or neighborhood, contact LISC Toledo Executive Director Kim Cutcher at kcutcher@lisc.org.
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