

HELPING NEIGHBORS BUILD COMMUNITIES

LOCAL INITIATIVES SUPPORT CORPORATION (LISC) 2017/2018 SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT



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Message from the Executive Director & Program Vice President

Flint LISC is proud to do its part in the revitalization of Flint as a healthy, safe and vibrant city. We have played a role in a number of initiatives that highlight our efforts and the hard work and dedication of numerous community partners. This semi-annual report describes a few of our activities such as our support of the City of Flint's highly successful Choice Neighborhoods campaign, the successful opening of a second Financial Opportunity Center, a multi-million dollar loan for the construction of the Hilton Hotel Project and a grant to support a neighborhood safety initiative in North Flint. We will spend much of 2018 on a three-year Strategic Plan that will serve as our blueprint for the future as we expand upon and continue the work for the residents of Flint.

Housing Development



Flint LISC is excited to be able to support the City of Flint's Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grant, by offering a wide range of technical assistance and capacity-building resources to local nonprofit organizations working in Flint neighborhoods. The City received a \$300,000.00 HUD planning grant and was chosen by HUD as one of five cities to receive a \$30,000,000.00 implementation grant for the relocation of Atherton East Apartments. LISC will provide in-kind technical assistance and capacity building support in the form of training, project-related and programmatic technical assistance, Real Estate Development Capacity Initiative (REDCI), and LISC AmeriCorps members. Technical assistance helps organizations tackle new types of programs and projects strengthen, their organizational practices and increase their ability to serve as an effective community partner.



Family Income & Wealth Building



Family income and Wealth Building is an issue that LISC has addressed with the Genesee County Financial Opportunity Center (FOC). Operated by the Mott Workforce Development Center and partnered with Michigan Works!, the Genesee FOC works with approximately 200 clients each year. In efforts to continue this work, LISC opened a second FOC in partnership with Genesee County Habitat for Humanity (GCHF). The GCHF FOC will work directly with the Hurley Food FARMacy Program to provide the skills needed to help break the cycle of poverty. FOCs are career and personal financial service centers that focus on increasing the financial bottom line for low-to-moderate income individuals. FOCs provide families with services across three areas: employment placement/career improvement, financial education/coaching and public benefits access. These core services are integrated and offer a "one stop shop" for building income and wealth.



Economic Development



LISC is adding to the economic recovery in downtown Flint by supporting the construction of a new downtown Flint hotel which will not only provide upscale accommodations but will bring a much needed customer base to downtown businesses, eateries, and local events. LISC partially funded the Hilton Hotel Project with a \$4 M loan. The project is utilizing green restorative efforts in the conversion of a historic 11-story former bank building and will create approximately 75 new job opportunities for City residents.



Education & Youth



Educare Flint is part of the nationwide Educare Learning Network, which includes more than 20 other schools in the U.S. and offers a systematic early education—particularly to at-risk children. The new Flint facility enrolls children between the ages of 2 months and 5 years, and through a unique two-generational approach, it will serve parents—offering wrap-around education, job training and other resources that benefit entire families. The facility is also creating 80 full-time jobs and is giving an economic boost to the surrounding neighborhood on Flint's west side. LISC played a key role in the project, providing nearly a third of the project's total \$15 million cost through an allocation of New Markets Tax Credits.



Health & Safety



National LISC received a \$1,000,000 grant from the Department of Justice's 2018 Innovations in Community Based Crime Reduction Program (CBCR/Formally BCJI). Eligible organizations could apply for a grant thru LISC to support crime reduction work in their neighborhood. Hamilton Community Health Care Network was awarded \$25,000. Flint LISC serves on the CBCR Leadership Team in conjunction with the North Flint Revitalization Initiative. The Leadership Team is comprised of a cross sector partnership of residents, foundations, community development corporations, police and local government. The Team is responsible for moving the project forward, approving the activities of the planning phase and implementing the project to completion.

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Investment at a Glance

Since 1988 LISC has provided **\$35,094,250** in financial support to Flint non-profits and community organizations for capacity building, projects and programs.

LISC INVESTMENTS	2017/2018
Grants	\$195,800
Recoverable Grants & Loans	\$4,500,000
Total Grant & Loan Support	\$4,695,800

LISC AmeriCorps

AmeriCorps members work with our partner organizations have done everything from financial counseling and job placement to housing development and foreclosure prevention. Along the way, they engage local residents in volunteering to improve safety, healthy and the beauty of their neighborhoods. Many members serve the very communities where they live. This is one way to grow the pool of leaders who reflect the demographics of the neighborhoods served, and equip those emerging leaders with the skills to effect long-term community change.



A total of **14 AmeriCorps Members** were placed with organizations in 2017-2018 a LISC investment of **\$170,000**

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