**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.

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.

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.

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.

National LISC received a $1,000,000 grant from the Department of Justice’s 2018 Innovations in Community Based Crime Reduction Program (CBPCR/Formally BCJ). 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.
**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.

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Charles Stewart Mott Foundation  
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Chemical Bank  
United Way of Genesee County

City of Flint  
U.S. Dept of Housing & Urban Development

Corporation of National and Community Service  
Fifth Third Bank

United Way of Genesee County  
Huntington National Bank

**LISC INVESTMENTS**

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

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

**Flint Local Advisory Board**

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**Partners**

Center for Community Progress  
Kettering University

Communities First Inc.  
Metro Community Development

Community Foundation of Greater Flint  
Mott Community College

CRIM Fitness Foundation  
United Way of Genesee County

Evergreen Community Dev.  
Uptown Reinvestment Corporation

Faith Foundation Resources  
Neighborhood Engagement Hub

Genesee County Habitat for Humanity  
North Flint Neighborhood Action Council

Genesee County Land Bank  
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Hamilton Community Health Network