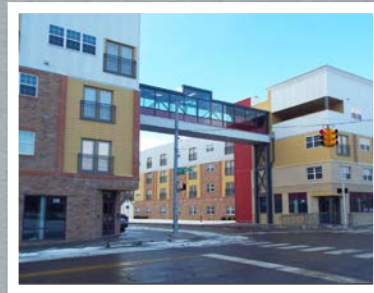


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# CHANGED LIVES. STRONGER NEIGHBORHOODS.

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The LISC Indianapolis  
2014 Annual Report



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Indianapolis  
*Helping neighbors  
build communities*

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✿ Building stronger, more vibrant neighborhoods takes a plan. In 2014, LISC Indianapolis continued implementation of its strategic plan spurring consistent growth in our neighborhoods and more opportunities for low-income families around Indy.

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Big results require significant investment, and LISC invested \$6,609,427 into Indianapolis neighborhoods in 2014. We leveraged a further \$22,381,725 in additional neighborhood investment, and assisted more than 30 community-based organizations in developing 628 units of housing and 290,835 square feet of commercial space. These types of investments continue to align closely with the goals contained in the neighborhood quality-of-life plans, and are supporting comprehensive neighborhood revitalization across Indianapolis.

Our strategy focuses on three key neighborhood outcomes:

- **Residents of core neighborhoods participate fully in the regional economy.**
- **Core neighborhoods are attractive places to live, work, learn, and play.**
- **Core neighborhoods are integrated into the regional economy.**

Quality-of-life planning continues to drive community development efforts in more urban neighborhoods across Indianapolis. By mobilizing corporate, government, and

philanthropic support, LISC provides financing, consulting services, training, policy support, and much more to our quality-of-life neighborhoods. Most of LISC's efforts are concentrated in six neighborhoods where quality-of-life plans have taken root: Near Eastside, Near West, West Indianapolis, Mid North, Southeast, and Crooked Creek. We also helped launch two new quality-of-life neighborhoods in 2014: Northeast Corridor and Northwest Area.

In these neighborhoods, and with the help of our community partners, we helped grow capital investment in housing, stimulate economic activity, raise family incomes, improve access to quality education, and build new infrastructure while staying focused on protecting the environment.

Direct lending for housing initiatives was a big part of LISC's activity in 2014. We originated \$4,600,000 in direct loans for affordable, sustainable neighborhood housing initiatives—a 760% increase over the previous year.



## ❁ Other 2014 highlights:

- Centers for Working Families continue to help build family incomes and teach valuable life and job skills in our quality-of-life neighborhoods. Last year, we served 3,158 families, up from 2,931 in 2013, with 551 individuals obtaining new jobs.
- Our Fostering Commercial Urban Strategies program continues to offer strategies and tools that support neighborhood-based economic development. This year, FOCUS helped open 21 new businesses and create 530 new jobs, leveraged \$22 million in capital reinvestment, and helped improve more than 111,000 square feet of commercial property in FOCUS corridors.
- As part of promoting healthy lifestyles and improving food access, LISC has convened a variety of food system stakeholders to create the Indy Food Council. We granted \$63,550 and leveraged \$664,562 for food projects that help make our city sustainable.
- LISC has directly supported two new quality-of-life plans—the NE Corridor and Northwest Area. Among the activities LISC helped support in the NE Corridor community in 2014 were a Better Blocks event, four job fairs, and the launch of the Design Bank.
- Together with our partners at Keep Indianapolis Beautiful, Indianapolis Neighborhood Housing Partnership, Indy Chamber, the City of Indianapolis, and United Way of Central Indiana, we announced three initial Great Places around Indianapolis at a program launch attended by more than 350 people. LISC is working with its partners to create a governance structure for this initiative going forward. The final goal is to prepare and revitalize our neighborhoods for Indianapolis' bicentennial in 2020—and we're doing this through administrative funding, money for community building, community planning services, early action grants, and technical assistance.

- Our focus on education in 2014 was broadened beyond our support of charter school facility development. We supported much-needed out-of-school activities for kids through Southeast Community Services, John H. Boner Center, and Hawthorne Community Center.

In 2014, we continued to follow our strategic plan toward our three key neighborhood outcomes with impressive results. We're empowering neighborhood stakeholders to realize their dreams for their communities—focusing on outcomes that build on our history of success. And that means a healthier, happier, more sustainable city for everyone.





# 2014 By the Numbers

**656**

new jobs created

**34**

greenspace  
 projects  
 completed

**201**

businesses assisted  
 by FOCUS

**28**

community/police partnerships  
 implemented

**628**

homes built and  
 transformed

**290,835**

square feet of commercial space built or transformed

**\$6,609,472**

LISC investment in  
 Indianapolis neighborhoods

- **\$1,554,254**  
 in program grants

- **\$4,600,000**  
 in loan financing

- **\$254,803**  
 in training,  
 technical assistance,  
 and capacity building

- **\$48,033,363**  
 leveraged in other  
 neighborhood  
 investment

**\$14,947,453**

leveraged in investment in six  
 Sustainable Communities' quality-of-life plans

**31**

educational facilities/  
 initiatives assisted

**25%**

families increased their  
 net income

**551**

family members gained new  
 employment

**2,448**

families served by Center  
 for Working Families

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