

# Deepening Neighborhood Impact.

**ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT**

LISC Chicago connects neighborhoods to the resources they need to become stronger and healthier. We work citywide and neighborhood deep investing in people, places, programs and partners. We believe when neighborhoods are connected to the right resources and work together to advance robust, coordinated community development plans, they are better positioned to participate in the region's economic growth. **The work is comprehensive.** Everything LISC Chicago does is based on the idea that engaging local leadership is foundational to effective community development and sustainable **impact.**

IN 2015



LISC MADE 95 GRANTS TOTALING

\$3,078,678

FIVE NEW LOANS HAD A TOTAL VALUE OF

\$4,977,000

More than 32,000 individuals were reached by LISC-supported programming in Chicago's neighborhoods.



**ACTIVE AND SAFE SPACES**

Through our partnership with the **Cubs Charities Diamond Project**, **10** neighborhoods improved the quality and accessibility of local baseball fields and training facilities. Working with the City of Chicago's **Large Lot** program, **70** lot owners participated in LISC-sponsored trainings to achieve their visions for their lot and invested time or money to turn these lots into a community asset.



**WORKFORCE SKILLS**

**Five** of our **Financial Opportunity Centers** deepened their capacity to provide industry specific workforce training in the fields of manufacturing, information technology, healthcare, and transportation and logistics. The Centers served **12,000** Chicago residents and **6,050** individuals received multiple services with more than **3,400** people achieving gains in credit score, net worth or net income.



**HEALTHY PEOPLE**

Working with the City of Chicago, more than **1,000** residents in low-income neighborhoods accessed Chicago's bike share program through **Divvy For Everyone (D4E)**. Through our health initiative, nearly **200** community health workers across six neighborhoods were trained in best practices to better connect residents to health care services.



**RETAIL AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT**

Our **Business District Leadership Program** graduated **20** neighborhood economic development professionals from a **6-month** training program. Communities including Roseland, Calumet and Jefferson Park investigated the feasibility of expanding or establishing **Special Service Areas** to enhance local commercial corridors.



**LENDING FOR STRONGER NEIGHBORHOODS**

LISC's lending supported the development of nearly **400 units** of housing and more than **11,000 square feet** of commercial space. In **Bronzeville** at 39th and King Drive a new **Mariano's grocery store** will provide more options to purchase groceries and provide jobs for local residents.



**NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING**

Belmont Cragin, Auburn Gresham, Englewood and Chicago Lawn began comprehensive **Quality-of-Life Planning** for their neighborhoods engaging more than **500** residents. LISC's training series for community leaders, **Chicago Plans**, engaged **30** stakeholders from **10 neighborhoods** to learn new strategies to lead local planning efforts.

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