

# LISC

Greater Kansas City  
*Helping neighbors  
build communities*



The mission of Greater Kansas City LISC is to attract, coordinate and provide resources to assist in transforming targeted neighborhoods into healthy, sustainable communities in partnership with their residents.

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## Policy Efforts

Greater Kansas City LISC is the local site for LISC (Local Initiatives Support Corporation), the nation's largest community development organization. As a national organization with a local focus, LISC serves inner cities and distressed rural areas in 36 states, where over \$7.1 billion has been invested since 1980. At the local level, Greater Kansas City LISC supports redevelopment in over 100 square miles of Kansas City metro area urban-core neighborhoods.

### **Distressed neighborhoods need public policies to help them rebuild and become healthier places to live and work.**

- Our public policy work reflects the needs of the local community.
- Our approach is to build broad support for policies that create holistic change in neighborhoods.
- Our goal is to bring substantial resources and awareness to housing, economic development, education and other critical issues.

### **Our locally driven and partnership-based approach attracts support from both ends of the political spectrum.**

- Rural and urban policy makers alike agree that healthy neighborhoods need special attention and support.
- A holistic approach and collaborative philosophy attracts policy allies from business, social service, education, environmental, and community development sectors.
- We believe in establishing partnerships, collaborations and strategic alliances to bring financial resources, policies and programs to achieve community improvement objectives.

### **Think of us as knowledgeable experts and a resource for information about community and economic development issues. We bring a history of success and a reputation for leveraging scarce resources:**

- Since 1980, Greater Kansas City LISC has invested close to \$90 million in grants, loans and equity investments in single and multi-family projects in our inner-city neighborhoods.
- Our Northwest Missouri State Policy Network is a group of regional organizations committed to effective community development and economic policy to promote healthy communities.

### **The impact is substantially more housing, more minor home repair, and more retail/commercial/community facilities:**

- 5,593 new and rehabbed homes and apartments
- 4,809 minor home repairs
- 1,404,075 square feet of retail and commercial facilities
- 317,645 square feet of community facilities and sports fields

To learn more about Greater Kansas City LISC policy efforts, contact Ashley Jones at 816-753-0055 x20.