LISC Small Grants 2019 Information Session
Agenda

- Welcome
- Who is LISC?
- Goals & Criteria for Applications
- Examples of Projects
- RFP (Request for Proposals) Process
  - Review of sample grant proposal
- Q&A
Welcome & Introductions

- LISC facilitators
  - Senchel Matthews
  - Patti Carr
Who is LISC?

- LISC = Local Initiatives Support Corporation
- Houston LISC’s mission is to forge inclusive and resilient communities that are good places to live, work, raise families and do business. We bring private and public support communities in the form of:
  - Funding - loans, grants and equity investments
  - Knowledge - best practices, technical assistance and training
  - Partners - access to national and local expertise
- Programmatic areas of Real Estate, Financial Stability and GO Neighborhoods = Great Opportunity Neighborhoods
Building Sustainable Communities

Stimulate Economic Development

Increase Family Income + Wealth

Expand Investment in Housing + Other Real Estate

Strengthen Leadership + Civic Engagement

Improve Access to Quality Education

Support Healthy Environments + Lifestyles
Goals of the Small Grants Program

- Bring Resources for Great Ideas
- Build Capacity
- Support Community-Driven Initiatives
- Learn and Share
- Advance Civic Engagement in Houston
- Improve Quality of Life in GO Neighborhoods
2018 Small Grant Example

WHO  Project NEW (Northside Election Workers)
WHERE Near Northside
WHAT High School students volunteered as polling clerks, organized to register voters, & educated others about electoral issues

OTHER IDEAS
- Resiliency Circles
- Community Garden
- Block Parties
- Community Clean-Up
Small Grant Examples

Fifth Ward Pop-Up Retail Event

Third Ward Team-Up 2 Clean-Up

OTHER IDEAS

- Parades, festivals or celebrations
- Food fairs or health fairs
- Town Hall on a particular topic
- Project from a neighborhood plan
What Makes A Great Application

- Meets the goals of the small grants program
- Answers all the questions
- Includes a 2:1 match
- Letter(s) of Support
- Cannot support staff time
2019 Small Grant Process

Idea:
- What are we going to do? How does it connect people?
- What will it cost? Identify match

Support:
- Present idea to a Neighborhood Committee
- Get a Letter of Support

Proposal:
- Apply no later than April 1, 2019

Review:
- LISC review proposal using criteria in RFP
- Awards announced April 29, 2019

Approved:
- Receive, sign & return grant award letter & documents
- Set up reimbursement schedule with LISC staff

Carry Out Project:
- Take pictures, Keep receipts, Track attendance
- Completed by December 31, 2019

Final Report:
- Submit final report & pictures by December 1, 2019
- What happened? What is next?
## Example Budget

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Questions and Answers