



Service Announcement: Foreclosure Prevention and Fair Lending Organizer LISC AmeriCorps Member: Jewish Community Action

The Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) is dedicated to helping community residents transform neighborhoods into healthy and sustainable communities of choice and opportunity — good places to work, do business and raise children. LISC combines corporate, government and philanthropic resources to help community-based organizations revitalize neighborhoods. Since 1980, LISC has invested more than \$9.7 billion that has leveraged an additional \$31.3 billion to build or rehabilitate 271,000 affordable homes and develop 40 million square feet of retail, community and educational space nationwide in efforts to Build Sustainable Communities. This strategy extends to the LISC AmeriCorps program where we support placing AmeriCorps Members with local non-profit partners to assist in local efforts to revitalize neighborhoods across the country, creating vibrant places for people to live, work, and play. LISC's AmeriCorps program seeks to attract talented individuals to serve for one year to help build organizational capacity. This is an excellent opportunity to gain experience and begin a career in the Community Development field.

Jewish Community Action (JCA) was founded in 1995, uniting Jews throughout Minnesota in pursuit of social and economic justice. Diverse in its backgrounds and traditions, JCA members come together and work to build a better community and a more just world. One of JCA's current organizing efforts focuses on defending and building community wealth; it focuses on targeted grassroots foreclosure prevention and tenant's right outreach, and organizing residents to engage financial institutions for fair lending agreements. By building meaningful relationships between JCA members and resident leaders in communities of color hit hard by predatory lending and foreclosure, JCA fosters experiences and subsequent dialogue and reflection on issues of financial discrimination, and helps make possible more powerful and enduring alliances between the communities it serves.

AmeriCorps Member Activities

The AmeriCorps member working at **Jewish Community Action** will serve as a **Foreclosure Prevention and Fair Lending Organizer**. The member serving in this capacity will support JCA's foreclosure prevention outreach efforts in North Minneapolis with the Northside Community Reinvestment Coalition (NCR) and the neighborhoods adjacent to University Avenue in St. Paul. The AmeriCorps member will engage in the following activities:

- Building and maintaining relationships with community partners and allies
- Recruiting, training and retaining volunteers from the Jewish community and target neighborhoods
- Make presentations to partner organizations and institutions
- Case Management
- Facilitating and supporting community-led negotiations with lenders for fair lending commitments.
- Facilitating door knocks
- Research and data management

Minimum Qualifications

- ◆ High school degree, GED certificate or agree to achieve GED within the year
- ◆ Minimum of 17 years of age, US citizen or permanent resident status
- ◆ Desire and ability to work with a diverse group of people
- ◆ Ability to work independently and in a team environment
- ◆ Computer skills

- ◆ Good written and oral communication skills
- ◆ Ability to work a flexible schedule (some night and weekends may be required)

Preferred Qualifications

- ◆ Community Organizing experience
- ◆ Ability to communicate effectively in person, on the phone, and in writing with a wide range of people
- ◆ Strong work ethic and attention to detail
- ◆ A positive, creative and engaging work style
- ◆ Sensitivity to racial, ethnic and class differences among people with whom he/she will work

Member Benefits

Full time members are required to serve for a minimum of 1,700 hours and a full year at ICA. Members will attend a national orientation the week of October 23-27 and monthly meetings and trainings hosted by the Twin Cities LISC office. ICA will also make additional training opportunities available. Members will earn a stipend of \$18,000 and are eligible to participate in the AmeriCorps health insurance program and may apply for childcare benefits. Upon successful completion of the service year, members will be eligible for a \$5,350 education award to pay off existing student loans or return to school.

Deadline to apply: August 8, 2010

For more information on Twin Cities LISC, visit www.tclisc.org

For more information on Jewish Community Action, visit www.jewishcommunityaction.org

To apply, please email a cover letter and resume to Chris Wiger at cwiger@lisc.org or mail to:

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LISC and Jewish Community Action promote equal opportunity in selecting AmeriCorps members. We are committed to diversity and inclusion in the selection process.