



CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Nominations due by Thursday, February 29, 2024 at 5:00 PM

We are pleased to announce the Jacksonville Community Development Awards presented by LISC Jacksonville. The event recognizes individuals, for-profit and nonprofit organizations and governmental leaders or agencies who have made significant contributions to comprehensive community development in Jacksonville's urban core neighborhoods through their leadership, innovation, collaboration and commitment to transforming challenged urban neighborhoods into communities of opportunity.

Nominations may be submitted via mail or email to: Linda Leo, Fund Development Officer, LISC Jacksonville, 100 North Laura Street, Suite 600, Jacksonville, FL 32202 or email lleo@lisc.org.

Awardees will be recognized at the LISC Jacksonville Community Development Awards Celebration
Thursday, April 7, 2024 6pm-8pm
Ritz Theatre & Museum 829 N. Davis Street Jacksonville, FL 32202

Award Categories for 2024:

JF Bryan Award

- Recognizes a Community Development Corporation (CDC) or non-profit 501 (c)3 organization that has provided collaboration, leadership in bringing diverse voices to improve community through targeted programs, initiatives or physical development.

Janet Owens Award

- Recognizes individual who has served as a catalyst for one of the following three pillars: Community Development, Safety and Justice and Family Wealth Creation.

Igniter Award

- Recognizes a real estate project that advances the urban core in Jacksonville's underserved neighborhoods.

NOMINATION FORM
JACKSONVILLE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AWARDS
2024

SECTION 1 – NOMINATOR INFORMATION

Name: _____
 First Last

Organization: _____

Your Title (if applicable): _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

What is your relationship to the Nominee? _____

SECTION 2 – NOMINEE INFORMATION

Nomination Category (circle one category for each submitted application)

- JF Bryan Award
- Janet Owens Award
- Igniter Award

Name of Nominee _____

Address: _____
 Street

_____ _____ _____
City State Postal Code

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

SECTION 3 – OPEN NARRATIVE (limit 500 words)

Please describe how the organization, project, initiative, individual, government agency has demonstrated leadership, innovation, collaboration in contributing to the enhancement of the community and in strengthening Jacksonville’s urban core neighborhoods (including downtown Jacksonville).

The nomination review committee will be taking the following criteria into consideration, so please be sure to touch upon all relevant items in the narrative.

Leadership – What has the nominee accomplished? How has the nominee brought together diverse resources to effect change (people, organizations, financial etc.)? Has the nominee utilized creative methods in solving complex community issues?

Impact – How has the nominee’s work changed the quality of life for neighborhood or community residents? What is the impact of the nominees’ work on the community, the neighborhood, quality of life, etc.? What are the tangible and intangible results of the work? Has the nominee’s work resulted in a significant public benefit? Has the nominee enhanced the neighborhood or community physically, financially, socially, etc.?

Sustainability – How will the work be sustained?

Economic impact – Has the nominee’s work provided an economic impact on the neighborhood or the community? If so, please describe.

Safe, Healthy Communities – Does the nominee’s work generate community pride? Does the work enhance neighborhood appearance? Does the work decrease blight and vacancy? Does the work improve access to education, healthy lifestyle alternatives, etc.?

Financial Stability—does the nominee’s work provide employment and/or income opportunities for neighborhood residents? Does the work promote family financial stability, improve incomes and provide opportunities for families to invest in home ownership (assets)?

SELECTION INFORMATION

Awardees will be selected by representatives of LISC Jacksonville and the LISC Jacksonville Local Advisory Committee

NOMINATIONS SUBMISSION / QUESTIONS

Linda Leo, Fund Development Officer, LISC Jacksonville, 100 North Laura Street, Suite 600, Jacksonville, FL 32202 or email lleo@lisc.org or cell 904.699.2388.

Community Development Awards Winners 2016 - 2022

JF Bryan Award (Formerly known as EPIC Award)

2016 – Edward Waters College for providing leadership and resources for the revitalization of the New Town Neighborhood and Kings Road Commercial Corridor.

2018 – Northwest Jacksonville Community Development Corporation for enhancing community and incorporating two or more of the five pillars of LISC's Building Sustainable Communities model. Northwest Jacksonville CDC provided leadership and resources for the revitalization of several neighborhoods within the Northwest Jacksonville geographic area.

2020 – Northwest Jacksonville Community Development Corporation for an open-air farmers market on Northpoint II property which is located in a food desert.

2022 - Kingdom Plaza Mall The visionary leadership of Bishop Vaughn and Narlene McLaughlin has created a ministry that is socially, economically, educationally, and spiritually uplifting the lives of many in the Westside Normandy Village community.

Janet Owens Award (Formerly known as Igniter Award)

2016 – Delores Barr Weaver for pioneering the revitalization of a Northwest Riverside Neighborhood through the condominium-conversion of John Gorrie Middle School

2018 – John Crispins for serving as a catalyst for commercial corridor revitalization in Springfield through the establishment of Crispy's Restaurant in the historic Akra Department Store Building inspiring others to follow.

2020 – Hope McMath

2022 - Joyce Delifus, the founder of the Shawn D. Delifus Foundation named in honor of her late son, embodies safety, justice, and positive community engagement through her work by providing swimming lessons to children and connecting children and senior adults with personal growth and development opportunities.

Igniter Award (Formerly known as Building Blocks Award)

2016 – First Coast YMCA for development and building the Winston Family YMCA as a central component of the revitalization of Jacksonville's Brooklyn Neighborhood.

2018 – Ben Davis Intuition Ale Works, for advancing the city's urban Doro Neighborhood through the establishment of Intuition Ale Works Brewery and Tap Room as a cornerstone of the neighborhood adjacent the arena, stadium and the baseball field.

2020 – Vestcor for development of workforce housing with easy access to transportation in LaVilla.

2022- Iben Lakay, LLC Entrepreneur James Smith purchased and rehabilitated a nearly 4,000-square-foot commercial property situated in Springfield. The property, which was a vision and pioneering project by the owner to help revitalize Main Street into a thriving commercial corridor.

Honorary Award

2022 - Presented to Michelle Braun for her dedicated service not only as serving LISC Jacksonville Local Advisory Committee for more than 15 years but also President & CEO of United Way of Northeast Florida from 2014 to 2022.

Other Past Winners/Awards

Champion of Main Street

Recognizes an outstanding individual or organization that has provided advocacy, leadership, and innovation in helping to strengthen Jacksonville's urban core communities.

2016 – Black Sheep Restaurant Group for serving as a catalytic force in the revitalization of the 5-Points Neighborhood.

2018 – Springfield Preservation and Revitalization Council for providing advocacy and leadership in strengthening Jacksonville's urban core communities, focusing on reviving commercial activity along Main Street in Springfield.

2020 – VyStar Credit Union for renovation of American Heritage Life Tower bringing 800 employees to downtown Jacksonville.

Power of Community Award (Collective Impact)

Recognizes individuals, for-profit and not-for-profit businesses, and/or government agencies that have provided collaboration and leadership in bringing together diverse voices to improve the community through targeted programs, initiatives or physical development.

2016 – Mayor Lenny Curry, Councilman Garret Dennis, and the Eureka Gardens Tenant Association, for transforming the living conditions for more than 800 residents.

2018 – The Rail Yard District Reenergize Jacksonville's Rail Yard District. The 300 + businesses in the district employ over 6,000 community residents and bring over \$2.6 billion dollars in revenue to the city.

2020 – Arlington 20/20