

## Growing Communities Initiative Phase 9

Citizens Bank and LISC Rhode Island are committed to supporting communities throughout Rhode Island. This commitment is demonstrated in part by our history of supporting programs in communities that encourage economic development and neighborhood revitalization. *Growing Communities* was launched in Ohio in 2010 and was designed to promote and invest in neighborhood revitalization based on the existing assets of a community.

Phase 9 of the Citizens Bank *Growing Communities Initiative* will support community development efforts in Woonsocket. Citizens Bank and LISC Rhode Island will award funding for projects that foster neighborhood revitalization in these neighborhoods, support local economic activity and create/sustain jobs. Successful applicants will incorporate collaborative partnerships that have a strong impact on the neighborhood, spur additional investment and demonstrate measurable outcomes.

Funding from \$2,000 - \$10,000 will be awarded from Citizens Bank and LISC Rhode Island to qualified organizations. The award period is January 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022

### Eligibility

Eligible community development activities include:

- Job creation/sustainability;
- Workforce development activities;
- Neighborhood revitalization;
- Activities that promote livability

Projects must meet the following criteria:

- Project must be focused on improving the quality of neighborhoods in Woonsocket. Proposed activity must establish clear goals that will demonstrate measurable outcomes.

### Priority Considerations

The *Growing Communities Initiative* may give priority consideration to projects that:

- Serve low-moderate income individuals/census tract areas;
- Present strong impact on a community with a significant degree of need;
- Foster collaboration with clearly defined roles for each partner;
- Demonstrate a plan for long-term sustainability

### Application Process

1. Applicants must submit a *Growing Communities* application narrative (see below) and email it to [eklinkenberg @ lisc.org](mailto:eklinkenberg@lisc.org)
2. The deadline for applications is **December 31, 2021**
3. Site visits may be conducted.
4. All applicants will receive written notification of the outcome of their requests by: February, 2022.
5. Award recipients will be required to submit a final report at the end of the award period.

For more information contact Liz Klinkenberg by email at [eklinkenberg @ LISC.org](mailto:eklinkenberg@lisc.org)

## Phase 9 Growing Communities Application Narrative

- Applications must include the following information:
  - Agency/organization/business name
  - Contact name
  - Project name
  - Contact's phone number
  - Contact's email address
  
- A narrative (no more than 3 pages) about the project that addresses the following:
  1. Describe the conditions in the program area neighborhood. Identify both the challenges and opportunities for economic development in the community. Include demographic information that demonstrates the need for support as well as factors such as access to resources and assets in the neighborhood.
  2. How will this project address the problems or improve conditions identified in question one?
  3. Does this project address community development priorities identified by the municipality (i.e. city's master plan, Economic Revitalization Zone)?
  4. Identify the organizations that are collaborating on this project and explain each of their roles.
  5. Describe the project's proposed timeline/milestones.
  6. Provide specific outcomes expected by this program within the next 6 months and 12 months (please include quantitative information).
  
- A detailed project budget including income and expenses.

*Growing Communities* applications must be emailed to: [eklinkenberg @ lisc.org](mailto:eklinkenberg@lisc.org) by **December 31, 2021** to be considered for funding.