



LISC's Green Development Center (GDC) provides financial resources, technical information, partnership opportunities, and education to LISC programs and the community development field support of LISC's Sustainable Communities Initiative. The GDC works to incorporate green design, construction, and management into the built environments of low-income neighborhoods and to promote integration of green principles into LISC's comprehensive community development work.

As the largest organization supporting community development in our nation's urban and rural communities, LISC believes that greener buildings, jobs and businesses are key components in achieving sustainable communities of choice and opportunity – good places to work, do business and raise children.



Resource-efficient, transit accessible, healthier neighborhoods:

- Preserve family income and wealth by lowering utility bills and transportation costs and increasing home values
- Connect neighborhoods to green-related job opportunities in the design and building trades
- Provide schools with better learning environments, and stronger operating margins
- Support healthier lifestyles by exposing residents to fewer toxic substances and encouraging physical activity.

LOCAL PROGRAM STRATEGIES

The Green Development Center has channeled resources to advance LISC's local green comprehensive community development support work. Some examples include:

The **Green Affordable Housing Preservation** work is a collaboration between LISC's GDC and our Affordable Housing Preservation Initiative to make green principles an integral part of a strategy to improve the physical, economic, and financial sustainability of existing affordable housing. We do this through our planning guide for green rehabilitation; promotion of green physical needs assessments to map out green capital improvements throughout the lifespan of the property; and guidance for property management and maintenance staff through our green O&M manual.



Green Jobs Initiative integrates workforce development, neighborhood improvement, and greening goals. This national initiative combines LISC's in-house expertise on workforce development and green strategies and focuses on the energy-efficiency sector and deconstruction as green pathways to good-paying jobs.

Green Charter Schools Partnership with Global Green to create five "green" charter schools that serve low-income children in the Los Angeles area, not only providing green funding and technical assistance to these new schools, but developing best practices that can be implemented in other green school development efforts across the country.

Green Loan Fund provides special predevelopment financing to support strategies that implement green building features in development projects. The fund dovetails with LISC's other financing products.

LISC's **Healthy Early Childhood Care Facilities** work is a collaboration between the GDC and LISC's national child care program. Together, they have developed a "how-to" guide to assist organizations that are planning to renovate, construct or improve their early childhood facilities using green principles.

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