



New Capital to Address New Challenges

MEETING THIS MOMENT

Inflation and high interest rates have raised a new hurdle for disinvested communities, affecting the flow of impact investments for affordable housing, businesses, health, safety and jobs.

COVID-19 continues to harm families, most notably affecting health and education outcomes, while also underpinning increases in economic instability.

Climate impacts are disproportionately affecting low-wealth communities, with worrisome outlooks for those without the means to invest in resiliency solutions.

These new and growing challenges exacerbate racial inequality.

That's why LISC works closely with community-driven partners to specifically address gaps in health, wealth and opportunity, especially in communities of color. LISC is unique among CDFIs because it is on the ground in 37 metro-area markets, as well as supporting rural development efforts in 2,400 counties. We are a national delivery system for community development capital, with direct connections to the people and places we serve.

But we can't do it alone.

LISC blends capital from public, private and philanthropic sources with our own funds so that we can provide flexible, affordable financing to for economic development, while also funding high-impact services like disaster relief, capacity-building for childcare and community safety initiatives that respond to spikes in violence. CDFIs can seek new funding and share rising costs with our borrowers when possible – but this takes time, and our communities are impacted, *right now*.

IMPACT INVESTORS + CDFIs = PROGRESS

As interest rates rise and market disruption continues, impact investors can still fuel racial, social and economic progress if they seek out opportunities that respond to this moment. Your support to LISC can lower our immediate cost of capital, helping bridge gaps as we work with local partners to adjust to new economic conditions and create opportunities for people to thrive.

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