BUSINESS DISTRICT LEADERSHIP OVERVIEW

The Business District Leadership (BDL) program brings non-profit, private and public sector leaders together to support training, education and capacity building to the growing field of commercial district practitioners in Chicago’s neighborhoods. Over the past two years, LISC Chicago trained close to 50 community based organizations on best practice commercial corridor redevelopment from across the City of Chicago through the BDL program.

In 2017-2018, the BDL alumni will continue to work together as a peer network to share ideas, strategies and best practices regarding commercial districts across Chicago’s neighborhoods. LISC Chicago will continue to support the BDL network while also working with the alumni to explore opportunities to build the capacity of new business district leaders.

In 2017-2018, LISC will support the BDL network with peer exchange and learning through:

- Facilitating sharing of best practices among BDL members;
- Supporting connections for BDL members with subject matter experts and partners with tools or strategies beneficial across business corridors;
- Working with the BDL network leaders to identify and access training opportunities related to commercial corridor revitalization; and
- Supporting with BDL networking events throughout the year.

Throughout 2017-2018, LISC and the BDL alumni will continue to develop the ongoing mission and focus of the network. LISC will provide technical support and facilitation to BDL network partners to support development of a shared vision among partners for the network.

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