

Do you have an idea to improve Jacobsville?

**TAKE ACTION!**

Come up with an idea.

Make a plan.

Apply for an early action grant with Jacobsville Join In!

**It's simple to take action!**

Deadline to apply April 15, 2016

You could receive \$250 - \$1,000 to implement a neighborhood project

Individuals, groups, businesses and organizations may apply

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## ECHO Housing Corporation's Jacobsville Join In Early Action Grant Application & Guidelines

ECHO Housing Corporation's Jacobsville Join In (JJI) is a community development initiative to develop residents and stakeholders' vision and goals for the Jacobsville neighborhood and to create a plan that can be used to leverage resources (including funding) to implement the vision for the neighborhood. Jacobsville residents and stakeholders' are eligible to apply for early action grants beginning February 1, 2016.

The goals of the early action projects are:

- To have immediate impact on the quality of life in the targeted area.
- To involve a diverse representation of residents and stakeholders from the targeted area.
- To build collaboration among organizations and businesses in the targeted area.
- To build the foundation for future impact through the JJI process.

### **Guidelines:**

- Grants will be awarded for a minimum \$250 up to \$1,000 total. Funds will be disbursed through ECHO Housing Corporation Jacobsville Join In.
- Projects should engage and bring together residents and stakeholders throughout the Jacobsville neighborhood, and/or provide visible result in the short-term (3-6 months).
- Grant requests should be for **new projects or an expansion of an existing project** (not for operating or ongoing staff costs). Projects that closely align with the vision, goals and objectives of the Quality of Life Plan and the Jacobsville Crime Free Alliance will receive highest consideration. (Past projects have included neighborhood beautification, youth recreation, community building activities, events/programs to boost neighborhood pride and cohesiveness, trash/litter cleanup). Funds cannot be used for private improvements (i.e. business façade, residential repairs etc.).
- Applicants will need to show evidence of community support by having partners sign-off on letters of support. Additional leverage will be looked upon favorably, but is not required.
- Applicants will be asked to explain how they will sustain the project beyond the early action grant.

### **Process:**

- Complete two-page application and get sign-off from partner/s. Photos of project are encouraged to be submitted with the grant application. **Mail application to Jennifer Mason/Community Mobilizer, Jacobsville Join In at 621 N. Main Street, Evansville, IN 47710 or by email to [jennifer-mason5@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jennifer-mason5@sbcglobal.net). Applications are due by 5:00 p.m. on April 15, 2016.**
- The Early Action Grant Committee will approve or deny the request. The discussion regarding the decision may include meeting(s), phone conversations, and/or electronic correspondence.
- Applicants are required to give a brief presentation (3-4 minutes) about their project to the grant committee on **April 25, 2016, beginning at 3:00 p.m. at the Jacobsville Join In office located at 621 N. Main Street.**
- Grant awards will be announced April 27, 2016 by 7:00 p.m. Awardees will be informed of the committee's decision by phone or email, and a list of awardees will be posted on jacobsvillejoinin.com website.
- ECHO Housing Corporation will draft a grant agreement sent to the applicant via mail. Once the agreement is signed and returned to ECHO Housing Corporation Jacobsville Join In, funds will be disbursed directly to the awardee. (This process usually takes 4 weeks to complete.)
- A brief report describing results will be expected no later than six months after grant funds are disbursed. **Project pictures are required with the report.**

JACOBSTVILLE APPLICATION FOR EARLY ACTION (Cover Page)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

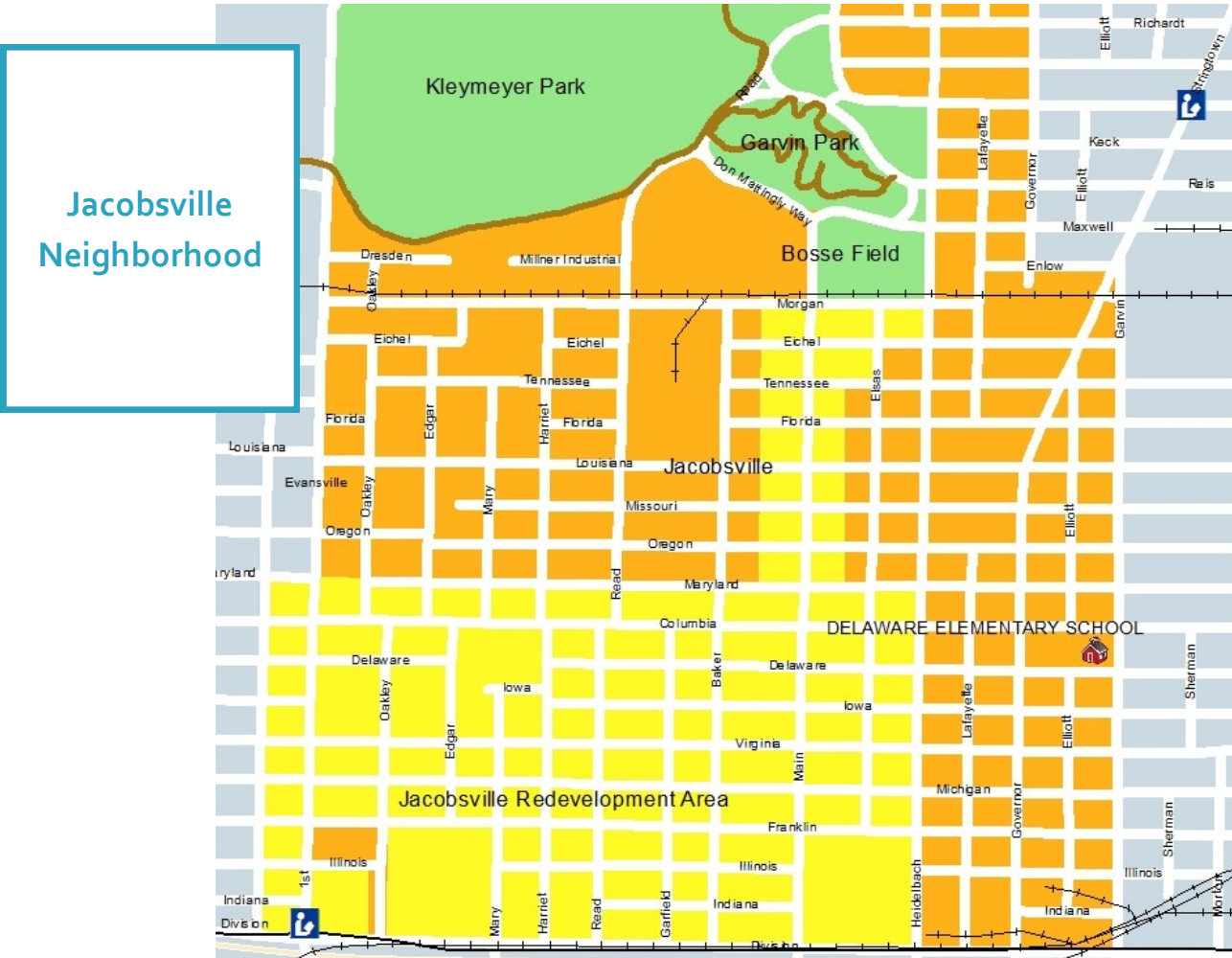
Name of Individual/Organization/Community Group: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Project Leader(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address for Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number(s) for Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address for Contact: \_\_\_\_\_



*(Grant Request)*

Name of Individual/Business/Group: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of project: \_\_\_\_\_

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How the project will be implemented: \_\_\_\_\_

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Expected results/impact on Jacobsville Quality of Life & neighborhood safety: \_\_\_\_\_

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Plans to involve diverse representation of residents: \_\_\_\_\_

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Plans to build collaboration among organizations & businesses: \_\_\_\_\_

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Number of Jacobsville stakeholders that will participate in the project: \_\_\_\_\_

Timeline for Project: \_\_\_\_\_

Funding Request: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total Cost of Project: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Other Funding Sources (please note whether committed/ pending): \_\_\_\_\_

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Plans to sustain the project and keep new stakeholders engaged beyond the grant: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Signatures:**

\_\_\_\_\_

Project Lead

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Partner:

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Partner: