



Dear Neighbor,

It's already time for our second MLK Corridor Improvement Authority email newsletter and we're resolving to make 2024 the most exciting and opportunity-filled one yet for Jackson's Southside. From the launch of our latest subcommittee to grant funding for city entrepreneurs and even more plans to support business growth and housing development along the MLK Corridor, we're ready to start the new year off right. Stay up to date by following us on [Facebook](#) or [LinkedIn](#) today. We hope you have a safe and joyful holiday season and we look forward to seeing you in 2024!

Best regards,

Your MLK Corridor Improvement Authority Board

WHERE WE'VE

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Have you heard about the 100 Homes Program?

The City of Jackson is bringing new-build housing to vacant lots across the city, including in our Southside neighborhoods. Home buyers earning up to 120% of the area's median income can receive \$10,000-\$35,000 in down payment assistance between the City's programs and other state resources. Visit [here](#) to learn more about how you can make homeownership a reality in 2024.



Introducing our Newest MLK Corridor Improvement Authority Subcommittee!

In October, we recruited community members and business leaders to become part of our Entrepreneurial and Real Estate Fund Subcommittee tasked with designing and implementing a fund to support Southside business owners.

We're pleased to announce that the MLK CIA selected Mindy Bradish-Orta, Thaddeus Williams, Victoria Moore, Robert Wilkie, Fred Parker, Jr., Tonja Worthey, Jennifer Moon, Dennis Treadway, and Cathy Moore to serve on this subcommittee and

#ReviveTheSouthside through small business development. Thank you to all who applied—we look forward to leveraging your talents on another MLK CIA project in the future.



Selecting the First Round of Entrepreneurial & Real Estate Fund Grantees

The MLK CIA launched the Entrepreneurial and Real Estate Fund this fall to provide financial assistance to small business owners in Jackson. Business owners could apply for up to \$50,000 to purchase inventory, rent space, update a building, pay staff, or fund other business necessities. We received more than forty applications during this first round of funding and are eager to announce the initial selectees for this program. Stay tuned to hear who was chosen and to be the first to learn about future funding rounds! Visit [here](#) to learn more.



South Central Credit Union Breaks Ground on Southside Location

Southside residents will soon have a more convenient option for managing their money—last month, South Central Credit Union began work on its second branch. Located at 2221 South Street near I-27, this branch will feature tellers, ATMs, and drive-through service, enabling the credit union’s many Southside patrons to take care of their banking needs closer to home. Construction is scheduled for completion in the spring of 2024, and the branch is targeting a summer grand opening. Learn more [here](#).

WHERE WE'RE

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Last MLK CIA Meeting of 2023!

Get involved in our efforts to #ReviveTheSouthside—our committee meetings are held regularly and open to the public! The MLK Corridor Improvement Authority’s last meeting of the year will be on December 28th at 5:30 pm at the MLK Center. See the meeting agenda or review past minutes [here](#). Our 2024 meeting schedule will be released soon!

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