

Keynote Speaker: Jay Grant, Executive Director, LISC Hampton Roads



Jay Grant serves as the Executive Director for LISC Hampton Roads. Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit community development finance institution (CDFI) with 38 local offices nationwide. He and his office specialize in affordable housing production, wealth-building, small business assistance, commercial corridor revitalization, and economic resilience in effort to support a thriving region. LISC Hampton Roads began in 2020 through a generous contribution by Sentara Healthcare.

Jay brings over fifteen years of prior experience in housing, community, and economic development, having worked at the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) and at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). At DHCD, Jay fostered long-term public-private partnerships to support development projects and strategies aimed at improving quality of life. He was deeply involved in COVID-19 relief efforts for the state and managed a \$50 million annual community development budget. He served as deputy director of community development as well as director of outreach, planning, and compliance.

At HUD, Jay spent nearly a decade managing multi-jurisdictional efforts related to housing, infrastructure, and neighborhood revitalization in his role as a senior community planning and development representative. Earlier in his career, he assembled and analyzed community development data for the state and also worked in the policy and lending departments at the Philadelphia office of The Reinvestment Fund.

Jay currently serves on the Virginia Housing Alliance board as well as The Public Health Foundation, Inc. He previously served on the board of the Relationship Foundation of Virginia (now known as Fatherhood Foundation of Virginia) for four years, culminating with serving as its chair in 2019. Jay volunteers at his church, in youth sports, and is a life-long gardener and small-scale vintner. Jay is married to Kourtney Grant with whom he has three young kids.

Jay holds a B.S. in Marketing Management from Virginia Tech and a Master's degree in City Planning from the University of Pennsylvania.