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# Press Release

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## **Council approves funding for Jeffersonville Neighborhood Leadership Institute**

JEFFERSONVILLE, Ind. – The City of Jeffersonville will offer neighborhood-level leadership training beginning in September, following Monday’s 7-0 vote by the City Council to spend \$13,300 from the city’s share of County Economic Development Income Tax receipts to pay for a portion of a \$23,300 contract with the University of Louisville’s City Solutions Center.

The Jeffersonville Urban Enterprise Association had already approved \$10,000 toward the contract.

The Jeffersonville Neighborhood Leadership Institute will be lead by Michael McCoy, the City Solutions Center’s director of planning, and will provide 25 hours of training over 10 weeks for up to 35 current and prospective neighborhood leaders within Jeffersonville.

“What we want to engage neighborhood and homeowners’ associations to become community partners in helping us identify and solve problems,” said Clarence Hulse, Jeffersonville’s economic development director and the person responsible for introducing the institute to the city. “This is an initiative by the city to make its neighborhoods more effective.”

Mayor Tom Galligan said, “Jeffersonville is a busy place right now. Our projects include the implementation of services to annexed areas, fixing our combined sewer overflows, developing the downtown canal and an accompanying hotel and convention center, several road projects and trying to become a greener city.

“None of this works without neighborhood-level involvement and leadership. What we want to do is give people the tools they need to understand our process, to understand where to bring issues and to give us a better opportunity to become better a better partner to our neighborhoods.”

The Jeffersonville Neighborhood Leadership Institute’s classes begin on Sept. 13 and will meet for 2 ½ hours weekly for 10 weeks. Each participant will be required to develop a plan for a neighborhood-based project. Up to 35 people will be accepted for the institute during an application process that runs through Aug. 13. The institute will be free to participants, but those selected are expected to be available for the weekly sessions and active in the planning of their neighborhood project.

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“We want to hear from neighborhoods all over Jeffersonville, whether or not they already have a neighborhood or homeowners’ association in place,” said Hulse. “From Rose Hill to Raintree Ridge, from the Meadows to Claysburg, from Oak Park to Cherry Hill, we want the people of Jeffersonville involved in Jeffersonville.”

The institute application is available in .pdf format on the city’s Web site ([www.cityofjeff.net](http://www.cityofjeff.net)) on both the home and economic development pages.

The Jeffersonville Urban Enterprise Association manages the Jeffersonville and River Ridge Development Authority urban enterprise zones on behalf of the city and the River Ridge Development Authority. The Jeffersonville Urban Enterprise Zone includes all or portions of the Claysburg, Cherry Hill, Franklin Commons, Rose Hill and Spring Hill neighborhoods.

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