



**Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis
Investment Connection Proposal**

Proposal title	Township Public/Special Library
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Organization name/address	HOPCA FaCCs ... HOPCA Educational Center Library/Washington Park Public Library Washington Park Township, Illinois 62208
Mission statement	Provide a safe haven for the community were the entire family has a dwelling place and the opportunities to receive economical, social, educational, ethical, moral, financial, and spiritual enrichment. Provides incubation services for family support, community services, business development, career enhancements, and job creation through CARE svcs.
Overview of organization	HOPCA Family & Community Center plans to be an incubator of family support; community services; business development; career enhancements; and job creation. HOPCA is a project with the goal to become a "Light House" multipurpose facility in the local and regional area, a center providing a wide range of products and services for community families and community. HOPCA intends to become an evolutionary

	<p>pattern of how a Faith Base supported organization uniquely combines business practices with charitable concepts and community services ... supporting its neighborhood patrons and employees. Its intent is to help pave the path by which the US President's Faith Base Initiatives are spirited and implemented in this economy. HOPCA is focusing on four primary areas: 1) Family Care Support (FCS); 2) Academic & Professional Support (APS); 3) Community Outreach Support (COS); and 4) Specialized Services Support (SSS).</p> <p>1) The Family Care Support covers area where the focus is on the needs of individuals (e.g. children, teenagers, parents, senior citizens) and families. These FCS programs are fee based services which provide services to patrons while assisting them in finding supplemental funding from government sponsored programs and grants. 2) Academic & Professional Support covers academia and training in professional, commercial, and technical areas. 3) The Community Outreach Support Services concentrates on the needs of the community with a goal to encourage fellowship, neighborhood, village, and families. These programs will assist the moral lifting of the township and providing assistance to the local and regional community. Some of these services will include real estate management that will address the renting, purchasing, managing, rehabbing, anti-foreclosing, and selling of real estate in the local community ... providing additional cash flow, encouraging home ownership, enriching neighborhood pride, and empowering families, villages, townships, and cities.</p>
Website	
Social media link(s)	
Location of project/activity	<p>St. Louis, MO-IL (MSA)</p> <p>Illinois</p> <p>Madison and St. Clair Counties</p>

Geographic Impact	Citywide Countywide Multicounty Neighborhood(s)
Support request	Grant
Requested dollar amount	\$200,000 ... Details: \$75k (Elevator); \$75k (Kitchen Renovation); \$50k (Library Renovation)
Proposal description and structure	Project provides opportunity to offer Academic & Professional Support (APS) Services which covers academia and training in professional, commercial, and technical areas. It is through the accompanying InfoTech that will be targeting the insertion of technology in the community that will be pursued. This project provides Academic [Public Library] & Information Technology [Special Library] capability with culinary support [Kitchen] for the Community Academic/Social Development. The project needs the following three developments. 1. Renovate/Furnish 2000 sqft to host public library (\$50k). 2. Install an ADA compliant elevator (\$75k). and 3. Renovate/Furnish 400 sqft kitchen (\$75k). Project structure is to provide community facility, development, stabilization, and broadband technology through Library Services in a trusted community establishment.
Issues addressed	Broadband Services Community Development Finance Community Facilities/Services Neighborhood Revitalization and Stabilization Small Business Development/Technical Assistance
Target population/geography	It's immediate focus is on the Washington Park Township, with the understanding that assistance and support will be extended to neighboring communities such as Fairmont City (NW 1.5mi); East St. Louis (SW

	<p>2.5mi); Centerville (SW 3.2mi); Alorton (SW 3.5mi); Caseyville (E 4.3mi); Brooklyn (NW 5.2mi); Madison (NW 5.4mi); and Sauget (SW 5.8mi). This allows a overall target population nearly 25k people. Washington Park is a village in St. Clair County, Illinois. The population was 5,345 at the 2000 census. Washington Park village specifics covers a total area of 2.5 sq.mi. of land. As of 2000 census, there were 5,345 people; 1,692 households; 1,218 families residing in the village. The population density was 2,180/sqmi. There were 2,007 housing units at an average density of 818/sqmi. The racial makeup of the village was 6.06% White; 91.94 African American, 0.15 Native American; 0.13% Asian; 0.75% from other races, and 0.97% from two or more races.</p>
<p>Population served including income</p>	<p>Washington Park is a village in St. Clair County, IL. Population 5,345 at 2000 census. Village is 2.5 sq.mi. There were 5,345 people; 1,692 households; 1,218 families. Population density is 2,180/sqmi. Racial makeup was 6.06% White; 91.94 African American, 0.15 Native American; 0.13% Asian; 0.75% from other races. The median income for a household was \$21,132 and the median income for a family was \$23,266. Males had a median income of \$30,924 versus \$20,463 for females. The per capita income was \$8,495. About 42.6% of families and 44.8% of the population were below the poverty line, including 54.9% of those under age 18 & 33.9% of those of age 65 or over. 85% of children live in low-income families and 51% of children live in poverty</p>
<p>Anticipated outcomes/impact</p>	<p>The targeted Facility goal is to become a multipurpose "lighthouse" facility that provides support, guidance, network, associations, and information to family & community "ships in the night" weathering the storm; providing a shelter and an alternative to decapitating lifestyles & mindsets. This project goal is to provide "Community Centered" services byway of a non-political, neutrally trusted Public Library and a Special Library which manages Technology & Religious (T&R) content while providing a sanctuary for multiple programs,</p>

	resources, care services, community outreaches, WIFI/Broadband services, economic opportunity & growth, and safe haven for the family and people of all ages in the surrounding community & communities.
How will the program be evaluated	<p>Evaluation performed by Defining Objectives; Collecting Data, Analyzing Data, Evaluating Data.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. As a business incubator, identify growth opportunities, determine the best means of translating opportunities into specific economic development objectives, and provide appropriate facilities and relationships with other business entities and organizations. 2. As a family supporter, provide a variety of assistance in childcare, senior activity, recreation, academia, career training, entrepreneurship, mentorship, family support, and other services to the local area. 3. As a community support, is to provide full-time & part-time employment, supplemental income, technical training, professional consultation, contacts to local and regional patrons, and fund raisers. 4. As neighborhood advocate, is to provide a safe haven, a refuge, and assistance for "the lost" teenagers, youth, adults, or seniors that requires a "Helping Hand".
Project time frame	<p>New Program</p> <p>Project Duration: Ongoing Program</p>
Other significant partners in the proposal	<p>Township of Washington Park</p> <p>Other</p> <p>Partial substainment funding & Program Management</p> <p>House of Prayer To All Nations Church</p> <p>Other</p>

	Funding, Prgm Mngmt, & Tech Assis/Expertise www.hoptan.com HOPCA Family & Community Center Other Hosting Facility www.hopca.com
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