The St. Louis Fed’s Investment Connection Program provides a platform for community development organizations to present their Community Reinvestment Act (CRA)-eligible projects to financial institutions and other funders for potential financial support.

**TO DATE...**

241 documented connections made by organizations through the Investment Connection program.*

$1,217,500 in grants, loans and investments has been committed to community and economic development projects.*

*through Sept. 6, 2019

Since the program’s inception, the St. Louis Fed has hosted eight live Investment Connection events.

**IN THE FIRST 22 MONTHS...**

90 organizations responded to the request for proposals.

54 proposals were presented at eight live events.

284 bankers and other funders attended the live events.
The Investment Connection meeting held on Sept. 18, 2018, was a positive and rewarding event for Mt. Sinai Development Corp. We were able to present our story to banks and funders. Without the opportunity given to us by the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, this would have not been possible. We were able to raise $35,000 in funding that we would not have gotten without being a part of the event.”

DENNIS JACKSON, Mt. Sinai Development Corp., East St. Louis, Ill.

I, and others at First Bank, found the session incredibly valuable. We made contact with eight organizations after the conference and have financially supported six to date. Ensuring the projects were CRA eligible was a tremendous help. Additionally, these were largely just very good projects from reputable organizations. If you could find enough organizations and projects, we would certainly be open to attending two a year.”

STACY CLAY, First Bank, St. Louis, Mo.