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**WorkLife@theSquare** targets men and women experiencing homelessness or re-entering society following incarceration. The program involves individuals from Victory Square, Life 360 House, and Safe to Sleep. All individuals will have an initial income level less than 100% of the federal poverty level. Through intentional pipeline from homelessness to employment, 32 individuals will be served annually and 28 individuals will be employed with living wages within 12 months.
Making Sense of Money

- **Funding request:** $10,000
- **Support request:** Grant / Investment
- **CRA-eligible activities addressed:** Financial access, capability and empowerment
- **Brief description of project, population served and expected outcomes:**
  A financial literacy program that increases knowledge and skills of how to budget and save, and provides education on other financial topics. The population served is low- and moderate-income; 96% of participants have an income that is 80% or lower of the average area median income. Outcomes include an increase in a participant’s knowledge of attitudes toward money, basic budgeting skills, financial planning, savings and assets, leading to an increase in positive financial decision-making that impacts standard of living to meet basic needs.
Franciscan Villa Affordable Housing Subsidy

- **Funding request**: $96,000
- **Support request**: Grant / Investment
- **CRA-eligible activities addressed**: Affordable housing
- **Brief description of project, population served and expected outcomes**:
  - Project provides rental subsidy to residents of Franciscan Villa who are below the income guidelines for the subsidy
  - Targets households that are within the “extremely low-income” category of below 30% AMI
  - Goal 1: Allow current residents to maintain housing stability
  - Goal 2: Provide affordable housing option for extremely low-income residents
The Northwest Project (NWP)  
Blue House Project

- **Funding request:** $25,000  
- **Support request:** Loan, Grant / Investment

**CRA-eligible activities:**
- Affordable housing  
- Community development finance  
- Community facilities/services  
- Financial access, capability and empowerment  
- Neighborhood revitalization and stabilization

**Description of project:** Pathway to homeownership; improve quality of homes; provide support services; successful homeownership

**Population served:** Individuals whose incomes leave them at or below FPG

**Goal & objective:** Overall BHP: Rehabilitate 10 homes per year in a 10-block radius of the Fairbanks
  
  - (1) Acquire 4 homes; (2) Repair and address any structural or home hazards; (3) Create innovative loan options for low-income families to purchase the repaired homes, obtain loans for education and workforce training, and create or fund startup businesses; and (4) Provide financial advising and coaching to reduce loan default
Expanding the Northwest Project (NWP) Model to Rural Communities Surrounding Springfield

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Springfield Innovation Inc. – The eFactory Accelerator

• **Funding request:** $150,000

• **Support request:** Grant / Investment

• **CRA-eligible activities:** Economic/Workforce development, Small-business development/Technical assistance

• **Brief description of project, population served and expected outcomes:**
  – $30,000 investment in exchange for 8% equity
  – Accelerator companies participate in a 12-week intensive program to jumpstart their business and gain access to business consulting, mentors, office space, discounts to services, etc.
  – We serve early-stage startup companies in the Springfield, Mo., area
  – Expected outcomes: Opportunity for innovative new businesses to get started/grow; economic development impact – new jobs created, higher wage jobs; talent attraction and retention