

2025 Mega Board Grant Application

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Does the proposed activity adhere to the stated requirement? Yes

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Please submit the following information for any effort for which you would like to use your Mega Board funds and then proceed once NAR has reviewed and approved each activity.

1. Amount Requested: \$5,808

2. Projected Completion Date: 2025-01-20

3. Type of Initiative: Placemaking

4. Describe the proposed initiative, including key details on how it will be executed.: THIS IS A CONTINUATION OF A 2024 FUNDING INITIATIVE. The outdoor furnishings company could not deliver the benches and tables prior to the end of 2024. 5. Provide a detailed description of the proposed activity including specific details on how it will be executed.: WeSERV has been asked to participate Hope Tech is located at the East Valley Institute of Technology (EVIT) Main Campus. They have asked that we help by adding outdoor amenities for their new building. They want to have a gathering place for the tenants of Hope Tech as well as students at the EVIT Main Campus. In the Spring of 2024, WeSERV ran a campaign to help with supplies for the new tenants in July 2024 starting school. Foster children will not have any housing supplies, such as shampoos, laundry soap, sheets, towels, etc nor will they have the money at 18 to purchase these supplies. Our leadership program participants will be raising donations to purchase these items as well. This grant will not be used for those soft goods, just for the outdoor furniture needed to furnish the yard for the students. The purpose of Hope Tech is to build and manage apartment-style housing for young adults who have aged out of the foster care system and who also need to complete their education. The students/tenants have to pay a minimum of \$500 in rent per month as well as to be working and working towards their GED or trade at EVIT. The East Valley Institute of Technology (EVIT) is a public, career and technical education district (CTED) that serves students who reside in East Valley school districts. Students from Apache Junction, Cave Creek, Chandler, Fountain Hills, Gilbert, Mesa, Queen Creek, Scottsdale, Tempe, Higley and J.O. Combs spend a half-day at EVIT in a career preparation program and the other half-day at their home high school. Tenth through twelfth grade students can attend EVIT tuition-free. Bus transportation is provided to and from EVIT by the student's home school district for most programs. High school students also have the option of enrolling in career and technical education (CTE) classes at their home school. These classes are offered by the school districts and funded by EVIT.

5. How will this initiative advance the association's community development and fair housing goals?: This initiative will advance our

community development as one of the first sponsors/supporters of this project. It is high profile within the school districts in the southeast region of Maricopa County, AZ. In my last meeting with the staff of Hopetech, they told me that other metropolitan programs are looking at this program to help their young adults obtain safe housing to finish their high school diploma. All people deserve a right to fair housing and without this program many young adults would end up homeless and unable to get their education so that they can succeed in life. WeSERV wants to be a part of their success.

6. How will the association measure success of the initiative? :

7. How will REALTORS® be involved in the planning and implementation of the initiative?: Our leadership program chose to support this program in the Spring of 2024. They gather enough school supplies and housing goods from WeSERV internal communication, external communications and their own business networking to fill a storage unit. They delivered the donations in April 2024. They are going to be at the site on the installation day where they will be able to help with the design of the outdoor space with the contractor.

8. How will association staff be involved in the planning and implementation of the initiative?: Association staff has worked with the EVIT staff over the past 9 months to purchase and plan the installation of the outdoor space furnishings. They EVIT staff wanted to wait until the students has started school before we ordered the furnishing so they could gauge what was needed for the students on this campus. We worked with their staff to choose the products and WeSERV staff ordered and paid for the order. The delivery was supposed to take place in early December, but the order was delayed. We have a tentative installation date of January 9, 2025.

9. List any organizations that will partner with your association in the initiative. Describe their role(s) in the initiative?: We are working with the East Valley Institute of Technology and the HopeTech Foundation which manages the Hopetech program with EVIT. This is a part of multiple school districts in the East Valley area of Maricopa County.

10. Estimated expenditure (please provide rough breakout/itemization):

Benches (2) and Picnic Tables (2)	\$3,458
Shipping	\$519
Installation by a Factory Certified Contractor	\$1,534
Tax	\$297
Total	\$5,808

11. For local associations: The state association must be notified of this funding request. Please provide the name of the person at the state association most familiar with the request.

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12. If this funding request is approved, do you give NAR permission to share your application, and any outcomes?: Yes