



**City of Los Angeles
Office of the City Clerk
Neighborhood Council Funding Program**



Neighborhood Purposes Grants

Neighborhood Purposes Grants (NPGs) provide NCs opportunities to develop partnerships with local 501(c)(3) nonprofits and public schools to build community and enhance neighborhoods in the City of Los Angeles. Projects and activities supported by NPGs vary widely and can include, but are not limited to:

- The Arts
- Beautification
- Community Support
- Education
- Community Improvements

NPG-funded projects and activities must be for a **public benefit** and purpose, **open**, **accessible**, and **free of charge** to stakeholders.

Grants approved by NCs exceeding \$5,000 involve further review and possible City contract by the Office of the City Clerk.

Visit the NC Funding Program website page on NPGs ([click here](#)) to find out more details about how 501(c)(3) nonprofits and public schools serving NC areas can apply. There are two NPG Information Packets; One for prospective applicants to help guide them in the application process, and one for NC board members outlining considerations and factors to keep in mind while evaluating NPG requests.

A “Project Completion Report” template is also provided to help ensure accountability in the use of Grant funds and help demonstrate how NCs and their partners are supporting L.A. communities and stakeholders. NCs and NPG recipients are strongly encouraged to work together to complete and submit the Report at the conclusion of the project.

Any questions you may have with the NPG process, please contact us at the NC Funding Program:

- Clerk.NCFunding@lacity.org
- (213) 978-1058

Neighborhood Council Funding Program

APPLICATION for Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG)



This form is to be completed by the applicant seeking the Neighborhood Purposes Grant and submitted to the Neighborhood Council from whom the grant is being sought. All applications for grants must be reviewed and approved in a public meeting. Upon approval of the application the Neighborhood Council (NC) shall submit the application along with all required documentation to the Office of the City Clerk, NC Funding Program.

Name of NC from which you are seeking this grant: Encino

SECTION I - APPLICANT INFORMATION

1a)	<u>SHE IS HOPE LA</u> <i>Organization Name</i>	<u>83-2159039</u> <i>Federal I.D. # (EIN#)</i>	<u>CA</u> <i>State of Incorporation</i>	<u>8/29/2018</u> <i>Date of 501(c)(3) Status (if applicable)</i>
1b)	<u>17942 Ventura Blvd</u> <i>Organization Mailing Address</i>	<u>Encino</u> <i>City</i>	<u>CA</u> <i>State</i>	<u>91316</u> <i>Zip Code</i>
1c)	<u></u> <i>Business Address (if different)</i>	<u></u> <i>City</i>	<u></u> <i>State</i>	<u></u> <i>Zip Code</i>

1d) **PRIMARY CONTACT INFORMATION:**
Tisha Janigian 818-447-7587 Tisha@sheishopela.org
Name Phone Email

2) **Type of Organization- Please select one:**
 Public School *(not to include private schools)* or 501(c)(3) Non-Profit *(other than religious institutions)*
 Attach Signed letter on School Letterhead Attach IRS Determination Letter

3) SHE IS HOPE LA Encino CA 91316
Name / Address of Affiliated Organization (if applicable) City State Zip Code

SECTION II - PROJECT DESCRIPTION

4) **Please describe the purpose and intent of the grant.**
 This grant supports single mother families with tailored educational programs on financial guidance, job training, peer support and essentials like clothing, shoes, housewares, food, and personal hygiene. By addressing immediate needs, we aim to lift them out of survival mode and empower them for lasting positive change.

5) **How will this grant be used to primarily support or serve a public purpose and benefit the public at-large. (Grants cannot be used as rewards or prizes for individuals)**
 This grant is a vital step toward our goal of obtaining an apartment building for affordable housing, supporting single mother families for up to two years. Beyond immediate support, stable housing is fundamental to our mission, fostering long-term transformation in credit and self-esteem. By securing a haven, we recognize the interconnected nature of financial stability, education, and housing in rebuilding lives. Our vision is a holistic solution addressing immediate needs and providing a pathway to sustained independence, breaking the cycle of adversity and empowering single mother families for a lasting impact.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Date: **AUG 05 2019**

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Accounting Period Ending:
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Public Charity Status:
170(b)(1)(A)(vi)
Form 990/990-EZ/990-N Required:
Yes
Effective Date of Exemption:
August 29, 2018
Contribution Deductibility:
Yes
Addendum Applies:
No

Dear Applicant:

We're pleased to tell you we determined you're exempt from federal income tax under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501(c)(3). Donors can deduct contributions they make to you under IRC Section 170. You're also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under Section 2055, 2106, or 2522. This letter could help resolve questions on your exempt status. Please keep it for your records.

Organizations exempt under IRC Section 501(c)(3) are further classified as either public charities or private foundations. We determined you're a public charity under the IRC Section listed at the top of this letter.

If we indicated at the top of this letter that you're required to file Form 990/990-EZ/990-N, our records show you're required to file an annual information return (Form 990 or Form 990-EZ) or electronic notice (Form 990-N, the e-Postcard). If you don't file a required return or notice for three consecutive years, your exempt status will be automatically revoked.

If we indicated at the top of this letter that an addendum applies, the enclosed addendum is an integral part of this letter.

For important information about your responsibilities as a tax-exempt organization, go to www.irs.gov/charities. Enter "4221-PC" in the search bar to view Publication 4221-PC, Compliance Guide for 501(c)(3) Public Charities, which describes your recordkeeping, reporting, and disclosure requirements.

Letter 947

SHE IS HOPE LA

Sincerely,

Stephen A. Martin

Director, Exempt Organizations
Rulings and Agreements

SHE IS HOPE LA Business Plan 2024-2025

January 1, 2024

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Confidentiality Agreement

The undersigned reader acknowledges that any information provided by SHE IS HOPE LA in this business plan, other than information that is in the public domain, is confidential in nature, and that any disclosure or use of the same by the reader may cause serious harm or damage to SHE IS HOPE LA. Therefore, the undersigned agrees not to disclose it without express written permission from SHE IS HOPE LA Board of Directors.

Upon request, the undersigned reader will immediately return this document to SHE IS HOPE LA Board of Directors.

Signature

Name (typed or printed)

Date

This is a business plan. It does not imply an offering of securities.

1. Executive Summary

I. Organization Overview

SHE IS HOPE LA (Single Moms, Housing & Empowerment Inspiring Self-Confidence through Hope, Opportunity, Perseverance & Education in Los Angeles) is a grassroots Los Angeles area-based nonprofit organization committed to empowering and uplifting single mother families. Founded on the principles of empowerment, compassion, inclusivity, resilience, collaboration, integrity and innovation, our organization has been dedicated to creating a world where single mothers and their children are free from discrimination, violence, and inequality.

II. Goals and Objectives for 2024-2025

In the term year 2024-2025, SHE IS HOPE LA is embarking on a transformative journey to further our mission.

A. Key Objectives

1. Expanding Our Reach

- a) We aim to reach and empower a larger number of single mothers across diverse communities within the greater Los Angeles area, ensuring that no one is left behind.

2. Enhancing Program Offerings

- a) We will enrich our programs and services, equipping them with skills, resources, and support.

3. Fostering Collaborations

- a) Collaboration is at the heart of our work. We will actively seek partnerships with like-minded organizations, agencies, businesses and brands to amplify our impact in our community and beyond.

4. Financial Sustainability

- a) To sustain our efforts, we will diversify our funding sources, engage in effective fundraising, and pursue grant opportunities.

III. Financial Summary and Funding Needs

- A. To achieve these objectives, SHE IS HOPE LA anticipates a budget of \$2,500,000 for the term year 2024-2025. We seek funding and support from donors, grants, and the community to fulfill our mission and make a lasting impact on the lives of single mothers in the greater Los Angeles area.
- B. As we move forward, we remain committed to our values of empowerment, compassion, inclusivity, resilience, collaboration, integrity and innovation. Our vision of a world where single mother families can thrive, free from barriers and inequalities, continues to guide our efforts.
- C. Together, with our dedicated team, board members, partners, and supporters, we are confident in our ability to create positive and lasting change.

2. Organizational Description

I. Mission Statement

- A. At SHE IS HOPE LA, we envision a world where single mothers are universally empowered, societal and institutional barriers to their success are dismantled, creating an equitable landscape where single mothers and their families thrive. Our mission is to break the cycle of instability by empowering single mothers and their children, guiding their journey from survival to a state of enduring success. As a beacon of hope and a catalyst for systemic change, we aim to redefine the landscape of support, ensuring that every mother and child has the opportunity to flourish and contribute to a more inclusive and resilient society.

II. Vision Statement

- A. SHE IS HOPE LA is deeply committed to redefining support structures and advocacy, equipping single mother families with the necessary resources to ensure a life of dignity and security. We recognize that the journey towards stability and self-reliance begins with meeting essential daily and basic human needs. Our comprehensive support system begins with access to nutritious food, clothing, and essential household items, and continues into education, career development, safe and secure housing and childcare resources. We believe that addressing these individual or collective needs builds a strong foundation for those we serve, paving the way for a future filled with opportunity and hope.

III. Values

- A. Empowerment: We believe in equipping single mothers with the tools, skills, and confidence they need to take control of their own futures.
- B. Compassion: We approach our work with empathy, understanding that each mother and child we serve has a unique story and set of needs.
- C. Inclusivity: We celebrate diversity, ensuring an environment where every voice is heard, every culture is respected, and every family feels they belong.
- D. Resilience: We are committed to helping those we serve confront adversities with fortitude, bounce back from setbacks, and build a strong foundation for the future.
- E. Collaboration: We believe in the power of unity, partnerships and community involvement, understanding that it takes a collective effort to create lasting change.
- F. Integrity: We operate with the highest standards of ethical practices, transparency, honesty, and accountability, fostering the trust and mutual respect of those we serve, our community, and beyond.
- G. Innovation: Our approach is dynamic and forward-thinking, constantly evolving to meet the changing needs of families with creative solutions and sustainable strategies.

IV. Our History and Background

SHE IS HOPE LA was established on the fundamental belief that the support structure for single mothers is universally and consistently inadequate and, in reality, plays a substantial role in perpetuating the poverty divide they experience. Our programs and services have evolved to meet the changing needs of the populations we serve, ensuring that we remain a relevant and impactful force in their lives.

V. Legal Structure and Governance

SHE IS HOPE LA operates as a registered and trademarked nonprofit organization under the laws of the state of California. We are governed by a dedicated and passionate Board of Directors, who provide strategic guidance and oversight. Our commitment to transparency and accountability ensures that our supporters have confidence in our operations. Trademarked SHE IS HOPE LA and Nonprofit 501(c)(c)83-215903.

VI. Location and Facilities

Our facility is currently located in Los Angeles and operates both physically and virtually, allowing us to reach single mothers from diverse backgrounds and communities. SHE IS HOPE LA is more than just a nonprofit organization; it is a movement driven by the values of empowerment, compassion, inclusivity, resilience, collaboration, integrity and innovation.

With a lease scheduled to end in July 2024, we recognize the potential to expand physically and actively seek opportunities to utilize that timeline this year to target available locations that align with the organization's long-term goals of expansion and impact while working with local partners and officials to ensure the safety and security in those locations for our single mother families.

Together, we are shaping a brighter future for single mothers in the greater Los Angeles area and beyond, empowering them to achieve their dreams and transform their communities.

3. Programs and Services

At SHE IS HOPE LA, we are dedicated to making a tangible and lasting impact on the lives of single mothers throughout the greater Los Angeles area and beyond. Our programs and services are carefully designed to align with our mission, vision, and values, empowering single mothers to thrive and lead lives filled with dignity, confidence, and hope.

I. Empowerment Workshops

- A. We offer regular empowerment workshops that equip single mothers with a growing list of skills and tools including personal and professional development, financial literacy, and peer support. These workshops provide a nurturing environment for participants to discover their strengths and unlock their potential.

II. Mentorship Programs

- A. Our mentorship programs currently in development will aim to connect single mothers with experienced mentors who provide guidance, support, and inspiration. These mentorship relationships will empower mentees to set and achieve goals, fostering personal and professional growth.

III. Educational Scholarships

- A. We believe in the power of education to transform lives. SHE IS HOPE LA connects deserving single mothers to educational scholarships with other organizations, enabling them to pursue higher education and vocational training as we continue to break down institutional barriers to their success.

IV. Community Engagement Initiatives

- A. Community is at the heart of our work. We always make a point to collaborate with other nonprofits, businesses, individuals and other potential community partners because we believe that it takes collaboration and shared resources to ensure a genuinely comprehensive support network for the populations we serve.

V. Crisis Support and Counseling

- A. Recognizing the importance of mental and emotional well-being, offering safe spaces and referrals to crisis support and counseling services is a priority for SHE IS HOPE LA. Trained professionals provide a safe space for single mothers to seek assistance and healing during challenging times, and the organization recognizes this as a primary need outside of physical resources that often gets overlooked. Until SHE IS HOPE LA expands into a physical location where we can offer such services internally to our organization, we continue to seek a high volume of trustworthy and professional support to connect to our single mothers and their families.

VI. Career Development Programs

- A. Our career development programs assist single mothers and their family members in building essential job skills, resume development, interview preparation, and job placement and/or entrepreneurship assistance. We aim to empower them to secure meaningful employment opportunities and achieve financial independence, utilizing quality community partnerships.

VII. Arts and Creative Expression

- A. Creativity can be a powerful outlet and source of empowerment. We offer growing art and creative expression programs that allow single mothers and their children to explore their talents, build self-confidence, and share their stories through various artistic mediums, and our board members who are professionals in the creative industries actively seek collaborations in the community to continue to provide a larger number of safe spaces for our single mothers and their children to express themselves.

VIII. Advocacy and Awareness Campaigns

- A. SHE IS HOPE LA advocates for gender equality, working to raise awareness about issues affecting single mother families in the greater Los Angeles area and beyond. We collaborate with like-minded community partners, engage in advocacy efforts, and champion institutional and systemic changes that promote access, equality and empowerment.

IX. Health and Wellness Initiatives

- A. The well-being of single mothers is a priority. We provide access and connections to health and wellness programs, including fitness classes, nutrition workshops, self-care tools and skills, emotional health, and preventive healthcare information, ensuring that they and their children have the access and support to lead healthy and fulfilling lives.

X. Leadership Development

- A. Leadership is a key focus of our programs. We nurture leadership skills in single mothers, encouraging them to take on leadership roles within their communities and organizations, driving positive change from within, and we aim to have physical operations in our expansion that train and support our single mothers to learn and lead in business and in life.

Each of our programs and services is tailored to address the unique needs and aspirations of single mothers in the greater Los Angeles area. Together, they form a comprehensive framework that empowers individuals of multiple generations to overcome challenges, embrace opportunities, and become leaders who bring about positive change in their lives and communities.

4. Market Analysis

I. Nonprofit Landscape in the greater Los Angeles area, CA

- A. The greater Los Angeles area is a diverse and dynamic city, but it also faces significant challenges related to gender inequality, discrimination, safe transportation and economic disparities. The nonprofit sector in the greater Los Angeles area plays a vital role in addressing these issues, with numerous organizations dedicated to various causes, including education, mental health, and community development.

II. Needs and Gaps in Services:

- A. Despite the presence of many nonprofit organizations in the greater Los Angeles area, there remain notable gaps and unmet needs, particularly in

the realm of women, single mothers, and diversity across institutions and systems. Key observations in the market include:

1. **Limited Support:** Few organizations offer comprehensive support that addresses the multifaceted needs of single mothers, from education and mentorship to career development and mental health, with access to safe and affordable childcare and transportation being a primary concern and barrier to fulfilling these needs.
2. **Underrepresented Communities:** The majority of communities within the greater Los Angeles area, especially underserved and marginalized populations that are statistically and exponentially growing each year, face greater challenges in accessing support and resources for single mothers.
3. **Advocacy and Policy:** While some organizations focus on direct services, there is a need for more advocacy efforts and policy changes to address systemic issues affecting single mothers across multiple areas of need in the region.
4. **Intersectionality:** Recognizing the intersectionality of gender with other aspects of identity, such as race, ethnicity, and socioeconomic status, is crucial. The market has some organizations that tailor their programs to address these specific and unique intersections. SHE IS HOPE LA holds our value of inclusivity as a constant focus and aims to close the gap between these various intersections, connecting single mothers to all.

III. Potential Partnerships and Collaborations

- IV. SHE IS HOPE LA has an opportunity to collaborate with other nonprofit organizations, governmental agencies, and local businesses to amplify its impact and address these gaps in services. Key areas for potential partnerships include:
- A. **Education Partnerships:** Collaborations with educational institutions can facilitate scholarship programs and access to educational resources.
 - B. **Mentorship Networks:** Partnering with established mentorship networks can help expand the reach of mentorship programs and enhance our own.
 - C. **Community Organizations:** Working with local community organizations can enhance community engagement initiatives and increase outreach.
 - D. **Advocacy Groups:** Joining forces with advocacy groups focused on gender equality can amplify advocacy and efforts to combat systemic barriers to success.

- E. **Corporate Sponsors:** Engaging businesses and corporations can provide financial support and access to skills development opportunities for single mothers.

SHE IS HOPE LA is well-positioned to address these market needs and build strategic partnerships to strengthen its impact on single mothers in the greater Los Angeles area. By offering comprehensive programs and services, advocating for change, and collaborating with key stakeholders, our organization can make a significant difference in the lives of those we serve and the community as a whole.

5. Strategic Plan

I. Goals and Objectives:

A. Goal 1: Expand Reach and Impact

1. Objective 1.1: Increase the comprehensive support for the number of single mothers served in 2024.
2. Objective 1.2: Expand SHE IS HOPE LA's programs and available connections and access to resources to the underserved and marginalized communities within the greater Los Angeles area.
3. Objective 1.3 Increase the digital reach of the organization, ensuring that our Single Mom Resource Guide, awareness campaigns, and virtual opportunities for support are accessible to all in need, providing the foundation to scale the access to SHE IS HOPE LA to populations in need beyond the current geographic territory.

B. Goal 2: Enhance Program Offerings

1. Objective 2.1: Develop and implement new workshops and courses focused on professional development, financial and legal literacy, and personal and family growth.

2. Objective 2.2: Strengthen existing mentorship programs, ensuring mentees receive ongoing support and guidance.
3. Objective 2.3: Develop SHE IS HOPE LA's inaugural housing program and secure funding to allow for internal support programs, such as childcare and professional training and development.
4. Objective 2.4: Strengthen existing educational and development programs, and relaunch the existing programs to the organization's online library and learning platform to increase reach and access.

C. Goal 3: Foster Collaborations and Partnerships

1. Objective 3.1: Establish partnerships with at least three local educational institutions to expand scholarship opportunities in 2024.
2. Objective 3.2: Collaborate with community organizations to co-host community engagement initiatives and awareness campaigns.
3. Objective 3.3: Collaborate with advocacy groups to actively engage in gender equality advocacy efforts.

D. Goal 4: Ensure Financial Sustainability

1. Objective 4.1: Diversify funding sources by securing at least three new corporate sponsorships..
2. Objective 4.2: Develop and implement a fundraising strategy that includes online campaigns and grant applications.
3. Objective 4.3: Monitor and manage expenses to achieve a balanced budget for the term year 2024-2025.

II. Action Plans and Timelines:

A. Year 1 (2024):

1. Launch new empowerment workshops and courses by Q2.
2. Strengthen mentorship programs, establishing a system for check-ins and training for mentors by Q3.
3. Identify potential educational institution partners and initiate discussions by Q1.
4. Begin scholarship application process by Q4.
5. Collaborate with at least one community organization on a community engagement initiative by Q1.
6. Launch online fundraising campaigns by Q2.
7. Begin the process of identifying and applying for relevant grants by Q1.
8. Identify potential locations for residential and commercial development and initiate discussions by Q1.
9. Begin the process of identifying and applying for relevant housing and development grants by Q2.
10. Finalize potential locations for residential and commercial development and initiate discussions by Q4.

B. Year 2 (2025):

1. Monitor and evaluate the impact of new programs and services, making necessary adjustments.
2. Formalize partnerships with educational institutions and community organizations, expanding scholarship offerings based on the success of Year 1.
3. Continue fundraising efforts, increasing outreach and engagement.

4. Conduct a mid-year financial review to ensure budget alignment.
5. Finalize funding for residential and commercial development by Q1.
6. Begin residential and commercial development by Q2.
7. Finalize residential and commercial development by Q3.
8. Begin housing candidate selection process by Q4.

III. Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)

A. Program Impact:

1. Increase in the number of single mothers served.
 - a) Improved participant feedback and success stories.
 - b) Percentage increase in successful fulfillment of immediate and long-term single mother needs.

B. Partnerships and Collaborations:

1. Number of successful partnerships established.
2. Number of community engagement initiatives conducted.

C. Financial Sustainability:

1. Amount of funding secured from new sponsors.
2. Funds raised through online campaigns.
3. Number of successfully secured grants.

IV. Monitoring and Evaluation

Regular monitoring and evaluation will be conducted to assess progress toward achieving objectives and goals. Periodic reviews will involve program assessments, financial reviews, and stakeholder feedback. The board of directors will play a key role in oversight and accountability.

V. Conclusion

- A. SHE IS HOPE LA's strategic plan for 2024-2025 reflects our commitment to empowering single mothers in the greater Los Angeles area, aligning with our mission, vision, and values. Through expanded programs, strategic partnerships, advocacy efforts, and financial sustainability, we aim to make a lasting impact on the lives of those we serve, fostering a community where every person we serve can realize their full potential and lead a life of dignity, confidence, and hope.

6. Marketing and Outreach:

I. Marketing Strategies

A. Brand Building and Awareness:

1. Renew our brand story and message that reflects our current mission, vision, and values.
2. Develop a visually appealing and consistent brand identity.
3. Use social media, website, and marketing materials to communicate our brand and mission effectively.

B. Social Media Engagement:

1. Regularly post engaging content on social media platforms (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, LinkedIn) to reach a broader audience.
2. Share success stories, testimonials, and updates on programs and events.
3. Utilize relevant hashtags and engage with followers through comments and messages.

II. Content Marketing

A. Create content and continue to develop the platform to share informative and inspiring information and resources related to women's empowerment, gender equality, and community engagement.

1. Create engaging visual content, such as infographics and videos, to convey key messages.

III. Email Marketing:

A. Continue to grow and maintain an email subscriber list.

B. Send out regular newsletters to update supporters on our activities, impact, and upcoming events.

- C. Segment email lists to tailor content to specific audience interests.
- IV. Collaborations and Partnerships:
 - A. Leverage partnerships with businesses, educational institutions, other nonprofits and community partners for co-promotion.
 - B. Co-host events or campaigns with partners to increase visibility.
- V. Fundraising and Donor Cultivation:
 - A. Online Fundraising Campaigns:
 - 1. Create and execute online fundraising campaigns on platforms like GoFundMe or Kickstarter.
 - 2. Utilize social media and email marketing to promote these campaigns.
- VI. Donor Appreciation:
 - A. Show appreciation to donors through personalized thank-you notes and updates on how their contributions have made an impact.
 - B. Share success stories that illustrate the difference donor support makes.
- VII. Grant Applications:
 - A. Identify and apply for grants from foundations and organizations that align with our mission and programs.
 - B. Ensure grant applications are well-researched and tailored to the grantor's priorities.
- VIII. Community Engagement and Outreach:
 - A. Local Events and Workshops:
 - 1. Host community events, workshops, and seminars related to our programs and services.
 - 2. Promote these events through social media, local media outlets, and partnerships.
 - B. Volunteer Recruitment:
 - 1. Actively recruit volunteers to support our programs and events.
 - 2. Highlight the impact of volunteer contributions through storytelling.
- IX. Public Relations and Media Outreach:
 - A. Develop relationships with local media outlets, including newspapers, TV stations, and online publications.
 - B. Issue press releases and relevant stories and events to the media to increase reach of our initiatives.
- X. Metrics and Evaluation:
 - A. Track website traffic, social media engagement, and email open and click-through rates.
 - B. Monitor the success of fundraising campaigns, including the amount raised and donor participation.

C. Evaluate the reach and impact of community events and workshops.

XI. Conclusion

Our marketing and outreach plan for 2024-2025 is designed to raise awareness of SHE IS HOPE LA's mission and programs, engage our community, and secure the support needed to empower single mothers in the greater Los Angeles area. Through strategic branding, digital marketing, community engagement, and donor cultivation, we aim to expand our reach and make a meaningful difference in the lives of those we serve.

7. Financial Plan:

I. Budget Overview:

A. Income

1. Donations and Fundraising: SHE IS HOPE LA aims to raise funds through online campaigns, donor contributions, and fundraising events. We anticipate a minimum income of \$30,000 from these sources.
2. Corporate Sponsorships: Building partnerships with local businesses and corporations is a priority, with a goal of securing \$100,000 in corporate sponsorships.
3. Grants: We will actively pursue grants from foundations and organizations aligned with our mission, aiming to secure \$2 million in grant funding to develop housing solutions for our single mother families.

B. Expenses:

1. Program Expenses: The largest portion of our budget will be allocated to program expenses, including workshops, mentorship programs, and educational scholarships. We estimate program expenses at \$10,000 for 2024.

2. Marketing and Outreach: Marketing and outreach efforts will require an investment to raise awareness and engage the community. We allocate \$5000 for these activities.
3. Administrative Costs: Administrative expenses, including office rent, utilities, and insurance and security measures are estimated at \$20,000.
4. Fundraising Costs: Costs associated with fundraising efforts, including online campaigns and virtual and in person events, are budgeted at \$15000.

II. Fundraising Strategies:

- A. Online Fundraising Campaigns: Launch targeted online fundraising campaigns throughout the year, leveraging social media and email marketing to reach donors and supporters.
- B. Donor Cultivation: Focus on donor cultivation by expressing gratitude, providing regular updates on the impact of donations, and engaging donors through personalized communication.
- C. Corporate Partnerships: Identify and engage businesses and corporations for sponsorship opportunities, emphasizing the alignment of their values with our mission.

III. Financial Sustainability

- A. To ensure financial sustainability, SHE IS HOPE LA will:
 1. Diversify Funding Sources: Continue efforts to diversify funding sources, reducing dependency on any single revenue stream.
 2. Expense Management: Monitor and manage expenses carefully to ensure efficient use of funds and alignment with budgetary targets.

3. Grants and Scholarships: Seek out grant opportunities to support our programs and allocate a portion of our budget to educational scholarships, fostering growth and empowerment.

IV. Evaluation and Reporting:

A. SHE IS HOPE LA will maintain financial transparency and accountability through:

1. Regular Financial Reviews: Conduct periodic financial reviews to assess budget alignment and make necessary adjustments.
2. Annual Financial Reports: Publish annual financial reports to provide stakeholders with a clear view of financial performance.
3. Audited Financial Statements: When appropriate, engage in financial audits to ensure transparency and compliance.

V. Conclusion

Our financial plan for 2024-2025 reflects our commitment to financial sustainability and accountability as we work to empower single mothers in the greater Los Angeles area. By diversifying funding sources, carefully managing expenses, and seeking grant opportunities, we aim to secure the resources needed to fulfill our mission and strategic goals.

8. Governance and Management:

I. Board of Directors:

A. SHE IS HOPE LA is governed by a dedicated and diverse Board of Directors, each of whom brings valuable expertise and a deep commitment to our mission. The board provides strategic guidance, oversight, and leadership to ensure the organization's continued success. Key responsibilities of the Board include:

1. Setting organizational goals and priorities in alignment with the mission and strategic plan.

2. Financial oversight, including budget approval and financial strategy.
 3. Monitoring program effectiveness and impact.
 4. Advocating for the organization within the community and with potential partners.
 5. Ensuring transparency, accountability, and compliance with legal and ethical standards.
- II. Policies and Procedures:
- A. SHE IS HOPE LA maintains a comprehensive set of policies and procedures to guide its operations. These include:
 1. Financial Policies: Policies related to budgeting, financial controls, and transparency to ensure responsible financial management.
 2. Program and Service Guidelines: Guidelines that outline the scope, objectives, and best practices for each program and service.
 3. Human Resources Policies: Policies related to hiring, staff development, and workplace conduct to create a positive and inclusive work environment.
 4. Governance Policies: Policies governing the roles and responsibilities of the Board of Directors, including term limits, conflict of interest, and code of conduct.
- III. Staff Development and Training
- A. SHE IS HOPE LA is committed to the professional growth and development of its staff members. This includes:
 1. Providing training opportunities to enhance program delivery, fundraising, and advocacy efforts.
 2. Fostering a culture of collaboration, innovation, and continuous learning.
 3. Encouraging staff members to participate in relevant conferences and workshops to stay updated on industry best practices.
- IV. Reporting and Transparency
- A. SHE IS HOPE LA is dedicated to transparency and accountability. Key reporting and transparency measures include:
 - B. Regular financial reporting to the Board of Directors and stakeholders.
 - C. Annual reports summarizing program impact, financial performance, and achievements.
 - D. Open communication with donors and supporters, providing updates on how their contributions are making a difference.
- V. Conclusion

Effective governance and management are essential pillars of SHE IS HOPE LA's success. Our dedicated Board of Directors, experienced leadership team, and comprehensive policies ensure that we operate ethically, efficiently, and effectively. With transparency, accountability, and a commitment to our mission, we strive to empower single mothers in the greater Los Angeles area to thrive and lead lives filled with dignity, confidence, and hope.

9. Evaluation and Impact:

I. Monitoring and Evaluation:

- A. SHE IS HOPE LA is committed to continuous improvement and impact assessment to ensure that our programs and services effectively empower single mothers in the greater Los Angeles area. Our monitoring and evaluation framework includes:
 - 1. **Data Collection:** Regularly collect data on program participation, outcomes, and success stories. Utilize surveys, interviews, and participant feedback mechanisms.
 - 2. **Key Performance Indicators (KPIs):** Establish specific KPIs aligned with strategic objectives to measure progress and impact. Examples include the number of single mothers served, educational achievements, and advocacy milestones.
 - 3. **Regular Reporting:** Conduct periodic reviews of program performance, financials, and strategic goals. Provide regular updates to the Board of Directors and stakeholders.
 - 4. **External Assessments:** Consider external assessments or third-party evaluations to provide an unbiased perspective on program effectiveness and impact.

II. Impact Assessment:

- A. **Program Impact:** Evaluate the impact of each program and service by assessing changes in participants' lives, such as increased confidence, skills development, and educational and professional achievements.
- B. **Community Engagement:** Measure the impact of community engagement initiatives by assessing changes in local communities, such as improved neighborhood conditions and increased community involvement.
- C. **Advocacy Outcomes:** Assess the success of advocacy and awareness campaigns by tracking policy changes, public engagement, and systemic changes for those we serve.

III. Reporting and Communication:

- A. Annual Impact Reports: Publish annual impact reports summarizing program achievements, participant testimonials, and key statistics. Share these reports with stakeholders, donors, and the community.
 - B. Success Stories: Regularly share success stories and testimonials from single mothers who have benefited from our programs and services. Highlight personal achievements and community contributions.
 - C. Transparency: Maintain transparent communication about financial performance, program results, and governance activities through regular updates on our website, social media, and newsletters
- IV. Stakeholder Engagement:
- A. Donor Engagement: Engage donors through personalized communication, expressing gratitude, and demonstrating the impact of their contributions.
 - B. Community Feedback: Solicit feedback from program participants and the community to continuously improve program quality and relevance.
 - C. Board Involvement: Involve the Board of Directors in impact assessments and evaluation processes, ensuring alignment with the organization's mission and strategic goals.
- V. Continuous Improvement:
- A. Adaptive Management: Be open to making programmatic and operational adjustments based on evaluation findings and changing community needs.
 - B. Strategic Alignment: Regularly assess the organization's strategic plan and goals in light of evaluation results, ensuring that our programs remain aligned with our mission and vision.
 - C. Learning Culture: Cultivate a culture of learning and improvement within the organization, encouraging board members and volunteers to actively engage in evaluation and impact assessment.
- VI. Conclusion

SHE IS HOPE LA's commitment to monitoring, evaluation, and impact assessment ensures that our programs and services make a tangible and positive difference in the lives of single mothers in the greater Los Angeles area. Through transparent reporting, stakeholder engagement, and a culture of continuous improvement, we remain dedicated to fulfilling our mission of empowering single mothers to thrive and lead lives filled with dignity, confidence, and hope.