

Love Let Go Project Proposal : Entry # 1338**Submissions for this round of proposals will be due before the end of the day, May 17, 2020.****Sponsoring Congregation Member Name**

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Project Proposal Name

Vehicle for Iringa Hope Micro Finance Institute in Iringa, Tanzania

Brief, one sentence summary of the project proposal.

Iringa Hope needs a second vehicle to better serve the increase in membership in villages around Iringa

Name and Contact Information for non-PoP Recipient:

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Total Amount Requested

\$35,000.00

Other Funding Sources and Amounts to be Contributed

None

Who will be the "Fiscal Agent" for this Project?

Iringa Hope

Detailed Description of Grant Proposal

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Iringa Hope is a microfinance organization that serves Tanzanians in the Iringa and surrounding regions in Tanzania. The organization has grown in the last ten years in members and villages being served and staff reaching out to the members. They have one vehicle. To improve their ability to serve more members in more locations, a second 4WD vehicle is needed. In the used market in Iringa, this vehicle will cost about \$35,000.

Iringa Hope has continued to grow and is forecast to grow more in the future. It first started with providing capital for local village savings and loan organizations for micro loans to local farmers and business owners. Most of the recipients are women. As this capability improved, Iringa Hope expanded to include group purchasing of agricultural inputs and then to selling their production as a group. Peter J King Foundation in Minnesota has funded the building of local offices and warehouses in villages and are considering the building of a regional warehouse in Iringa for grain to be sold as a group. The loans help members improve their farms, businesses, and lives. The joint input and product marketing help them improve their income even more. Iringa Hope has increased its staff in Iringa to improve assistance to villages. Our donation for the initial purchase of a second vehicle will help them expand and improve their ability to visit local villages more frequently.

Who is the "target community" being served?

The members of local SACCOS and AMCOS in the Iringa region. They are served by the Staff in Iringa already. The staff reach out to them through visits to the villages and by meetings in Iringa. This vehicle will increase the staff's ability to travel and visit more places during the year compared to using their one vehicle and the local bus system. During this time of pandemic is it especially dangerous to use the local bus system – buses are extremely crowded and it is impossible to practice social distancing. A second vehicle will help the Iringa Hope staff serve more members while staying safe. A second vehicle also provides more flexibility to serve multiple villages on a single visit, rather than being dependent on bus schedules. The members will benefit by more timely service and help in accounting, advice in organizing and managing their local microfinance and marketing organizations. While we will not be able to measure the direct impact of having a second vehicle, we will be able to measure the increases in loans, family income and contributions to local churches.

Specify any partnering groups or organizations.

We will send the money to Iringa Hope USA in Minnesota. They will transfer the money to the Micro Finance Institute (MFI) in Iringa which is the office that employs the Iringa Hope staff and assists local village microfinance and marketing organizations affiliated with Iringa Hope and the MFI. MFI will purchase and maintain the vehicle.

How can PoP members be involved?

PoP members can follow the news from Iringa Hope through newsletters and Facebook. If members participate in a Prince of Peace trip to Iringa, they can visit and hear of the work of Iringa Hope and the benefits of having a second vehicle. Through the church's newsletter and announcements, members can learn of Iringa Hope's work and information sources. Travel participants are recruited for bi-annual trips.

How many people do you anticipate this project will serve?

Iringa Hope serves over 20,000 people with organizations in 35 villages serving over 160 villages.

How does this project further PoP's mission* in the community being served?

PoP's mission will be served by recognizing our resources and our calling to help build the church and love the world. This second vehicle will help improve the assistance and operation of local offices and thus improve the incomes of local families. Local churches have noticed that offerings have increased in villages where Iringa Hope SACCOS and AMCOS operate.

Other information you would like to share with the committee:

Start date TBD dependent on funds becoming available.

For the May 31st presentation, there are 3 Tanzania related proposals that I'd like to present as a 'package'.

Notes



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