



# H.O.P.E. Award Application



## What are the H.O.P.E. Awards?

The HOPE Awards are an investment into ideas created by Middletown residents that can help lift up single parent families living in poverty. Did you know?...

- That out of the 10,500 families in Middletown, **43%** (*almost half!*) are **single parent families**? And that this is *higher* than the state average?
- And out of those 43%, about **one-third** are **living at or below poverty**?

We want to change that! And we can't do it alone!

We know this will not solve the problem of poverty all by itself. However, it's important to invest in the community by finding local solutions and listening to what residents think might make Middletown a little better for single parent families.

Awards will be given to *seed* projects that benefit single parents in poverty.

**3 - \$500 Awards will be given to selected winners**

**Project ideas must fall into 1 (or more) of the 4 following H.O.P.E. categories:**

**H = Health & Well-being**

**O = Economic Opportunities**

**P = Physical environment**

**E = Empower neighbors & build leadership**

One of our primary values is *community engagement* – encouraging residents to become more engaged in their communities, building upon collaborative partnerships and connecting with one another to create a more equitable, economically vibrant and thriving city.

**The H.O.P.E. Award Contest is OPEN to ALL Middletown residents; however, *single parents and women of color are highly encouraged to apply.***

## **Timeline for HOPE Award Contest:**

**November 11, 2019 – HOPE Project Applications Due by 5:00 PM**

**November 22, 2019 – Winner Selections Made!**

**December 9, 2019 – Winners Announced at Community Café!**

The following are examples of possible project ideas:

1. Collective Babysitting Club
2. Healthy & Strong Single Moms Group
3. Community Garden (indoor or outdoor)
4. Resource Festival for Single Parents (indoor or outdoor)
5. Ride Share
6. Potluck Dinner for Single Parents

Apply Here:

Contact Name:	
Group/Organization (if any):	
Phone Number:	
Email:	
Mailing Address:	
Project Title:	
Estimated Start Date:	
Estimated Completion Date (if any):	
Project Area: (check one or more)	<input type="checkbox"/> Health & Well-being <input type="checkbox"/> Economic Opportunities <input type="checkbox"/> Physical Environment <input type="checkbox"/> Empower Neighbors & Build Leadership

<p><b>Project Description and Impact:</b></p> <p>Please explain how your project will benefit single parents in poverty and include details, like when and where it will take place (if it's an event), what you hope to accomplish, and why it's needed.</p> <p>(6-8 sentences)</p>	
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**Volunteer Engagement**

<p>Please estimate the number of volunteer hours needed to make your project happen:</p>	
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**Budget (other funding sources are encouraged)**

<b>Professional Services:</b>	
<b>Supplies/Materials:</b>	
<b>Printing/Copying:</b>	
<b>Permits (if applicable):</b>	
<b>Other funding:</b>	
<b>Other:</b>	
<b>Other:</b>	
<b>Total (\$500):</b>	

Please list any additional project resources, community partners, local businesses or organizations that might be needed:

Please submit applications to:

[Rebecca.lemanski@middletownworks.org](mailto:Rebecca.lemanski@middletownworks.org)

or by mail to:

Rebecca Lemanski  
Director | Middletown Works  
100 Roscommon Drive | Suite 203  
Middletown, CT 06457

If you need help filling out an application, please call or text Rebecca at (860) 975-5405.

**HOPE Award projects must be completed by April 30, 2020.**

*\*Project submissions must benefit single parent families in poverty and be related to one or more of the H.O.P.E.s listed above.*

The HOPE Campaign is designed to build community, bring neighbors together and develop innovative projects to improve the lives of lower income single parents in Middletown.