

City of Innovation S.O.S.

Access to Capital

- A final investor pitch event will end the entrepreneurship course each six months
 - Through the entrepreneur incubator each program participant will receive the hands on tools and preparation toward becoming ready to pitch to investors and apply for micro loans in order to grow their businesses. Program completion will include a business proposal that is presented to micro lenders and investors.
 - Community Centers, Inc. will bring its board members (executives at banks and celebrities)
 - The Genesis Development Collaborative will bring its circle of foundations, investment banks, venture capital, private equity, impact investors and angel investors from Silicon Valley, New York, Canada, Hong Kong, Shanghai, London, Egypt and Los Angeles (both in person and skyping in for the final presentations)
- Access to micro loans will also be available through Vermont Slauson Economic Development Corporation, RISE Financial Pathways and collaboration with the SBA.

End Goal

- Train 50 new entrepreneurs coming out of the prison and/or jail system each year
- Provide them with mentoring, access to start-up capital and business incubation/acceleration
- Connect them with our business networks to successfully launch, stabilize and expand their businesses