

[Equitable Communities](#) collaboratively develops and funds pilot programs that promote the stewardship of social and economic justice. We call them demonstration projects, and they are locally initiated, owned, and sustained for success. From these demonstration projects come opportunity to connect with other non-profits and community organizations to fight poverty. Together, we increase funding and resources for long-term programming in underserved communities.

**Financial literacy is economic empowerment,
not by handing out money, but by handing out knowledge**

Since 2007, **Equitable Communities'** model of Collaborative Programming *with* communities and established non-profit organizations has reached thousands of children in underserved communities in New York City.

[PS 15 \(Red Hook, Brooklyn\)](#) and Equitable Communities:
Partnership in Community Development Through Collaborative Investment

Financial Literacy Collaboration Center (FLCC):

Collaboratively developed programming with its own dedicated space in PS 15's library, where financial learning for students and families empowers Red Hook to overcome the opportunity gap with knowledge and resources to be their own agents of change.

Programming:

- [African Marketplace Project](#) in collaboration with Marquis Studios, brings Art and Financial Literacy together to teach economics and world citizenship.
- [The Moneybox](#): checked out from library, financial-learning-in-a-box, fun and age appropriate for the whole family.
- Decorate a Piggy Bank Workshop: Saving money is fun!
- [The Council for Economic Education](#) will present learning initiatives with their online resources and PS 15's computers, open to families and staff.
- Partner with national organizations to deliver financial literacy resources.
- Library readings from authors of books related to financial literacy.
- Parent workshops on how to become financially empowered, with SIBL and [BPL](#).
- Explore after-school programming partnerships with the [Council for Economic Education](#).

As a very small community-based organization, we believe that by leveraging the resources and expertise from both communities AND larger non-profits, we are building a foundation for a community to close the opportunity gap in New York City. Our model creates pathways for all stakeholders in social change.

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