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**Nehemiah Charitable Fund Receives \$15,000 Grant  
to Train Nonprofit Executive Leaders**

**San Bernardino, CA** – The Nehemiah Charitable Fund (NCF) is pleased to announce that it has been awarded a \$15,000 grant from Pacific Western Bank. The purpose of the grant is to provide capacity building training for Black-led Organizations in the Inland Empire.

In partnership with the BLO (Black-led Organization) Collaborative of the Inland Empire including a team of nonprofit coaches and consultants, the Nehemiah Charitable Fund will facilitate capacity building activities for a cohort of nonprofit executives. These executives will participate in an intensive 10-month training series beginning November 17, 2023, through August 31, 2024.

As trusted messengers of their communities, Black-led Organizations (BLOs) have long struggled to provide basic needs (safety net services), health services, and housing services which are vital to low-income, vulnerable communities. However, many Black-led Organizations operate on limited staffing, low cash reserves, and insufficient funding resources. This problem has been contributed to by a systemic gap in funding to Black-led Organizations within the philanthropic sector.

“Once again, we are very excited to partner with Pacific Western Bank to offer this valuable training for Black-led Organizations,” stated Pam Grogan, CEO of the Nehemiah Charitable Fund. “This training program is essential to our community and fills a void for Black-led nonprofits that often fail to receive their fair portion of philanthropic funding in our region.” Participants of the program will receive essential leadership development and capacity building training that will help to establish and build the infrastructure that will be critical to their organization’s future success.

**About Pacific Western Bank**

Founded over two decades ago, Pacific Western Bank built on the principal that when qualified and committed people come together for the benefit of clients, good things happen. Today, Pacific Western has distributed \$3.5 million in charitable giving to low-to-moderate income individuals, communities or small businesses including \$1.6 billion in community development lending benefiting local businesses. With over 2,218 employees, Pacific Western Bank believes that businesses are built on relationships.

**About Nehemiah Charitable Fund:**

Nehemiah Charitable Fund is a nonprofit organization that works to build capacity for stronger communities. Our mission is to provide capacity building resources and promote philanthropic leadership in San Bernardino County. We achieve this by providing training, education, and technical assistance to nonprofits and residents. As such, our programs and initiatives aim to increase leadership development, technical assistance, community engagement, and outreach, including racial and social equity for communities of color in our region.

For more information about this program or to learn how you can sponsor this leadership development training, please contact Pam Grogan, CEO at 909-383-0355 or email at [pam@nehemiah-fund.org](mailto:pam@nehemiah-fund.org)

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