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**Nehemiah Charitable Fund Receives
\$100,000 Grant to Strengthen Capacity Building Efforts to Black-led Nonprofits**

San Bernardino, CA – The Nehemiah Charitable Fund (NCF) is proud to announce that we have received a major grant for \$100,000 from The California Wellness Foundation.

This generous grant from The California Wellness Foundation is for core operating support and will allow NCF to continue its work to strengthen Black-led Organizations with capacity building training in the Inland Empire Region. Specifically, these funds will be used to hire program lead staff, establish peer networking opportunities, and administer regrants to local nonprofits. More importantly, this funding investment addresses the need for targeted capacity building for Black-led, Black-serving organizations which most often receive far less philanthropic support compared to white-led organizations that provide the same or similar services.

“We are very excited to partner with The California Wellness Foundation in helping to build and strengthen Black-led Organizations,” said Pam Grogan, CEO of the Nehemiah Charitable Fund. “This initiative will add to the growing diverse approaches and innovative strategies to further support the infrastructure and sustainability of local nonprofits in the Inland Empire Region.”

While NCF has provided capacity building training workshops to nonprofits in Riverside/San Bernardino Counties for over nine years, only recently have we implemented a cohort training approach for affinity groups with the launch of our Capacity Building Initiative for Communities of Color (CBICC) in the Fall of 2022. The first ever of its kind that is based in the Inland Empire, the *CBICC Training Series* is a leadership development program that is designed to empower and strengthen Black-led Organizations using the training + funding model.

The *CBICC Training Series* provides a safe and honest space for Black leaders to share their challenges, learn, and grow from the insights they gain from their peers. The training series is further supported by a culturally competent and professional facilitation team whereby the majority of the staff are people of color who are sensitive to the unique needs and challenges faced by Black-led Organizations and their leaders. Participating organizations receive training in nonprofit management topics such as board governance, strategic planning, financial planning, HR fundamentals, fundraising, and program evaluation. Upon successful completion of the program, each nonprofit receives a grant award.

About the California Wellness Foundation:

The California Wellness Foundation’s mission is to protect and improve the health and wellness of the people of California by increasing access to health care, quality education, good jobs, healthy environments, and safe neighborhoods. Since its founding in 1992, Cal Wellness has awarded more than \$1 billion in charitable contributions and more than 10,000 grants.

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. As a management support organization, our programs and initiatives aim to increase leadership development training for nonprofits, as well as community engagement, and outreach activities to individuals and families.

For more information about the *CBICC Training Series* or to become a funding partner, please contact Pam Grogan, CEO at 909-383-0355 or via email at pam@nehemiah-fund.org

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