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**Nehemiah Charitable Fund Receives \$15,000 Grant
to Provide Housing Assistance to Families**

San Bernardino, CA – The Nehemiah Charitable Fund (NCF) is pleased to announce that it has been awarded a \$15,000 grant from the City of San Bernardino CDBG Grant Program. The purpose of the grant is to provide emergency shelter services through its Emergency Assistance Program which serves individuals and families that are at risk for homelessness.

Specifically, funds will be used to provide low-income residents with housing assistance to include rental assistance and utility assistance. The program also provides other services such as emergency shelter in the form of motel vouchers, food vouchers, community resources, and case management services. Applicants must meet eligibility criteria and live in San Bernardino County to receive services.

Homelessness in San Bernardino County remains the highest in Southern California. According to the San Bernardino County Homeless Count Survey, in 2022 there were a total of 3,333 homeless people living on the streets or in some form of emergency/transitional shelter; and of this number, 944 or (28%) were sheltered and 2,389 or (72%) were unsheltered, which is defined by HUD as living and sleeping in a public or private place that is unfit for humans. This total count of 3,333 in 2022 represents a (7%) increase compared to the homeless count in 2020 of 3,125.

“We are excited to receive this grant to help residents in the City of San Bernardino,” stated Pam Grogan, CEO of the Nehemiah Charitable Fund. “Our Emergency Assistance Program serves as a homeless prevention strategy that works in partnership with other shelter providers, local public agencies, and community organizations to reduce homelessness in our communities.” The program which has served over 180 households, was initially established in 2020 as a direct response to the COVID-19 health and economic crisis which impacted many residents who suddenly found themselves in emergency need of food, housing, and financial assistance.

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. More importantly, our programs and initiatives aim to increase leadership development, technical assistance, community engagement and outreach, including racial and social equity for BIPOC populations. Since its inception, our organization has provided outreach and education to over 8,400 individuals (households) representing vulnerable and low-income communities in the region.

For more information about this program or to learn more about our sponsorship opportunities, please call Pam Grogan, CEO at 909-383-0355 or email at pam@nehemiah-fund.org

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