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**Nehemiah Charitable Fund Launches
Capacity Building Initiative for Communities of Color**

San Bernardino, CA – The Nehemiah Charitable Fund is pleased to announce the launch of its new Capacity Building Initiative for Communities of Color (CBICC). The initiative is being implemented as a pilot project that aims to build the capacity of Black-led Organizations and Black-serving Organizations in the Inland Empire. The goal of CBICC Program is to identify and train nonprofit leaders in core workshop topics that will help to strengthen the operational and programmatic infrastructure of their organizations.

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 be facilitating the capacity building training activities for a cohort of nonprofit executives. These executives will participate in an intensive four-month training series beginning October 21, 2022, through January 27, 2023.

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.

Our CBICC Program will address the need for targeted capacity building training for Black-led Organizations in the Inland Empire Region. The purpose of the program is to strengthen the capacity of grassroots organizations and increase access to philanthropic funding support for BLOs in Riverside and San Bernardino Counties. Those nonprofits that complete the four-month training cohort series will have an exclusive opportunity to apply for a \$10,000 grant with Nehemiah's funding partner, Pacific Western Bank.

"We are very excited about this new initiative and networking opportunity with our collaborative partners," said Pam Grogan, CEO of the Nehemiah Charitable Fund. "This initiative will help lay the important groundwork for further investment into Black-led Organizations for the region. We hope that the CBICC Program will lead to new partnerships with other funders who may want to take part in this effort to promote increased philanthropic support to local nonprofits". To learn more about the CBICC Program or to apply, contact Pam Grogan at pam@nehemiah-fund.org

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, community engagement, and outreach activities to individuals and families. We also conduct public education campaigns, nonprofit research, and coalition building with various networking groups in the Inland Empire.

About the BLO Collaborative of the Inland Empire:

The Black-led Organizations (BLO) Collaborative was established in April 2021. Its mission is to empower and strengthen BLOs with essential resources that help them to thrive and succeed in the nonprofit sector. The collaborative aims to engage in advocacy, facilitate education, and promote leadership development and funding opportunities on behalf of its members to increase the capacity of BLOs in the Inland Empire.

For more information about this program or to become a funding sponsor, please call Pam at 909-383-0355 or email us at info@nehemiah-fund.org

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