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Gesa Credit Union Announces Grant Program for Organizations Supporting Local Heroes

Local Heroes Grant Program open for organizations to apply for grants up to \$5,000

RICHLAND, WASH. (June 9, 2021) – Gesa Credit Union today announced the launch of its Local Heroes Grant Program, with more than \$100,000 available in grants for organizations that support local heroes including firefighters, law enforcement, teachers and veterans in the state of Washington. Starting today, organizations that support these local heroes can apply for up to \$5,000 in grants to support their needs.

To kick-off the grant program, Gesa has given five \$1,000 spark donations over the past week to five organizations that support local hero populations in Washington state. The recipients of a spark donation include: The Foundation for Edmonds School District, the Walla Walla Fire Department, the Volunteers of America Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho, the Pasco Police Department Foundation, and the Wellness House in Yakima.

“Gesa recognizes local heroes who serve our communities across Washington state and we are always looking for new ways to honor the hard work they’ve done for us all,” said Don Miller, President and CEO of Gesa Credit Union. “The new Gesa Grant Program gives us a chance to expand on the number of local organizations we can support, so that these organizations have more resources that will best serve our local heroes.”

To qualify for a grant under the new program, applicants must provide proof the grant money requested will directly support one of Gesa’s outlined Local Heroes populations in a Gesa community. A Gesa community is defined as a community where Gesa has a physical location. For more information on grant eligibility and to apply, visit <https://www.gesa.com/community/local-heroes>.

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