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### **CENTRAL VALLEY COMMUNITY BANK ASSISTS FRESNO AREA HISPANIC FOUNDATION WITH \$25,000 GRANT TO SUPPORT WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS**

FRESNO, CALIFORNIA... November 5, 2021... James J. Kim, President and CEO of Central Valley Community Bank (CVCB), is pleased to announce that Fresno Area Hispanic Foundation (FAHF), a Fresno County nonprofit, is the recipient of a \$25,000 Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco (FHLBank San Francisco) AHEAD Program grant. The grant comes as a result of CVCB'S 2021 application submission on behalf of FAHF, one of two AHEAD grant recipients in Fresno County.

“At CVCB, we are proud to invest in the businesses that make our communities strong,” said Kim. “The Fresno Area Hispanic Foundation is making a difference with their Womenpreneur Technical Assistance Project, and we are pleased that the AHEAD Program recognizes the value of their efforts in Fresno County.”

FAHF provides technical assistance and direct access to microloans for low-income, underserved businesses and entrepreneurs, as well as access to a business incubator and accelerator program for promising startups. This project will offer accounting and financial technical assistance to Latina, Black, low-income and other underserved “womenpreneurs” throughout the San Joaquin Valley in partnership with Fresno State, matching students and entrepreneurs. The AHEAD grant will support staff to administer and manage the program.

“The AHEAD Program enables bank members to support local programs and projects that target pressing community development needs,” said Marietta Núñez, Vice President and Community Investment Officer at FHLBank San Francisco. “Central Valley Community Bank is an active member that annually supports valued nonprofits like the Fresno Area Hispanic Foundation. We commend them for being so engaged in creating opportunity, and look forward to seeing the positive impact their Womenpreneur Technical Assistance Project has on the local community.”

**About Central Valley Community Bank**

Central Valley Community Bancorp trades on the NASDAQ stock exchange under the symbol CVCY. Central Valley Community Bank, headquartered in Fresno, California, was founded in 1979 and is the sole subsidiary of Central Valley Community Bancorp. CVCB operates full-service Banking Centers throughout California’s San Joaquin Valley and Greater Sacramento region. Additionally, CVCB maintains Commercial Real Estate, Agribusiness and SBA Lending Departments.

Members of Central Valley Community Bancorp’s and CVCB’s Board of Directors are: Daniel J. Doyle (Chairman), Daniel N. Cunningham (Vice Chairman), F. T. “Tommy” Elliott, IV, Robert J. Flautt, Gary D. Gall, James J. Kim, Andriana D. Majarian, Steven D. McDonald, Louis C. McMurray, Karen A. Musson, Dorothea D. Silva and William S. Smittcamp. Sidney B. Cox is Director Emeritus.

More information about Central Valley Community Bancorp and Central Valley Community Bank can be found at [www.cvcb.com](http://www.cvcb.com). Also, visit CVCB on Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn.

**About FHLBank San Francisco**

FHLBank San Francisco is a member-driven cooperative helping local lenders in Arizona, California and Nevada strengthen communities, create opportunity and change lives for the better. The tools and resources provided to its member financial institutions promote homeownership, expand access to quality housing and boost economic development. AHEAD grants are awarded annually and delivered through the Bank’s member financial institutions to local community organizations for projects and programs that benefit lower-income and underserved communities.

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**Photo attachment**

**Cutline:** Central Valley Community Bank’s Elizabeth Salas presents a \$25,000 AHEAD grant check to Fresno Area Hispanic Foundation CEO and President, Dora Westerlund, and COO, Yery Oliveras.