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CENTRAL VALLEY COMMUNITY BANK ASSISTS NONPROFIT WITH AHEAD PROGRAM GRANT AWARD

FRESNO, CALIFORNIA... September 13, 2018... James M. Ford, president and chief executive officer of Central Valley Community Bank (Bank), is pleased to announce that Neighborhood Industries, a Fresno County nonprofit is the recipient of a \$25,000 Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco AHEAD Program grant, as a result of Central Valley Community Bank's submission of an AHEAD grant application on their behalf as a member of Federal Home Loan Bank San Francisco. Neighborhood Industries is one of two grants awarded in Fresno County.

"At Central Valley Community Bank, we are proud to invest in the businesses that make our communities strong," said James M. Ford, president and CEO of Central Valley Community Bancorp and Central Valley Community Bank. "Neighborhood Industries is making a difference with their Pathways to Employment program and we are pleased that the AHEAD Program recognizes the value of their workforce development efforts in Fresno County."

Neighborhood Industries provides workforce development services and job training to low-income individuals. The AHEAD Program grant money will be used to expand their "Pathways to Employment" program, which is expected to place 30 participants into the workforce within the next year through their two social enterprises Neighborhood Thrift and Neighborhood Recycling. Together both enterprises generate one million dollars annually, which help to fund the Pathways program.

"The AHEAD Program enables Bank members to support local programs and projects that target pressing community development needs. Central Valley Community Bank is an active member that annually supports valued nonprofits like Neighborhood Industries. We commend them for being so engaged in creating opportunity and look forward to seeing the positive impact their Pathways to Employment program has on the local community," said Marietta Núñez, vice president and community investment officer at Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco.

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. Central Valley Community Bank operates full-service offices throughout California’s San Joaquin Valley and Greater Sacramento region. Additionally, the Bank operates Commercial Real Estate Lending, SBA Lending and Agribusiness Lending Departments. Central Valley Investment Services are provided by Raymond James Financial, Inc.

Members of Central Valley Community Bancorp’s and the Bank’s Board of Directors are: Daniel J. Doyle (Chairman), Daniel N. Cunningham (Lead Independent Director), Edwin S. Darden, Jr., F. T. “Tommy” Elliott, IV, Robert “Bob” Flautt, James M. Ford, Gary D. Gall, Steven D. McDonald, Louis McMurray, Karen Musson, 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. Also, visit Central Valley Community Bank on Twitter and Facebook.

About Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco

The Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco delivers low-cost funding and other services that help member financial institutions make home mortgages to people of all income levels and provide credit that supports neighborhoods and communities. The Bank also funds community programs that help members create affordable housing and promote community economic development. The Bank’s members are headquartered in Arizona, California, and Nevada and include commercial banks, credit unions, industrial loan companies, savings institutions, insurance companies, and community development financial institutions.

The Access to Housing and Economic Assistance for Development (AHEAD) Program enables Bank members to give a critical boost to local programs and projects that target pressing community development needs by creating or preserving jobs, supporting a nonprofit’s organizational and capacity-building activities, or delivering social services, training and education, and other needed services and programs. The focus of the AHEAD Program is to support innovative economic development and job training or job creation initiatives that benefit low-and moderate-income communities and have the potential to help narrow the wealth gap.

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