



August 8, 2017

Mayor Steve Jones and Members of the City Council
City of Garden Grove
11222 Acacia Parkway
Garden Grove, CA 92840

**RE: California Department of Finance Transitional Housing Grant Application
Veterans Village I (Josephine Street)**

Dear Mayor and Council:

HEAL Collective ("HEAL") has joined the community stabilization effort being led by Affordable Housing Clearinghouse ("AHC"), the City of Garden Grove, and Volunteers of America Greater Los Angeles ("VOALA") to acquire and stabilize Veterans Village I ("Josephine Street") transitional housing community located at 12781 Josephine Street, Garden Grove, California.

HEAL advances newly-emerged, fast-growing ventures that aim to meet affordable housing marketplace needs by developing or offering innovative solutions. HEAL is providing pro bono management oversight of the development activities related to Josephine Street given its extensive experience developing affordable housing for chronically homeless veterans in Orange County. HEAL recently completed the development of Potters Lane, the first project utilizing shipping containers to create 16 permanent supportive housing units for chronically homeless Veterans on behalf of American Family Housing.

HEAL's primary activities for Josephine will include managing and coordinating finance, design, construction, legal and professional consultants, internal staff, external partners, and community stakeholders while leveraging public, private and philanthropic resources to bring Josephine community stabilization to fruition.

The acquisition and stabilization of Josephine will stymie the loss of scarce housing for our Veteran with difficulties re-entering society because of post-traumatic stress syndrome, substance abuse, physical, behavioral and/or mental health amongst other challenges. With the support of the City of Garden Grove, Josephine will continue to be a community asset, assisting veterans with the core goal of moving each household towards independent, self-sufficiency as a means of obtaining long-term stability, health and wellness.

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