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Dear Dr. Thela R Thatch,

Hope of the Valley Rescue Mission is a 501(c)(3) faith-based, non-profit organization whose mission is to prevent, reduce, and eliminate poverty, hunger and homelessness throughout the San Fernando Valley. We are grateful for the opportunity to submit a proposal seeking a \$5,000.00 donation to our organization in support of our work in the City of Van Nuys. Hope of the Valley Rescue Mission is a leading homeless services organization in the San Fernando Valley that provides critical services to homeless individuals. To fulfill our mission, we form strategic partnerships to empower our clients with the faith, knowledge, resources and skills to lead a life of wholeness and self-sufficiency. Our vision is that no one goes without Hope, Hot Meals, Housing, and Health Services, and all who need a helping hand receive one with compassion and empathy.

Our portfolio of programs includes 3 bridge housing shelters that consist of ABH North Hollywood, ABH Van Nuys and our Tiny Homes Community. Our bridge housing sites collectively provide 166 nights of shelter. We additionally operate 3 family shelters, 1 TAY Shelter, 1 Winter Shelter and 1 work therapy program that cumulative provide 241 beds. We are able to provide our local communities with a safe parking program, 2 drop-in centers, an employment center, and a housing navigation program that have supported over 2,232 in their journey to self-sufficiency.

In the City of Van Nuys we operate our ABH Van Nuys shelter and our HELP Center. We have been able to serve 984 individuals, provide 6,069 nights of shelter, and provide 41,570 meals. We work with local agencies including the Department of Mental Health, Department of Public Health and Department of Human Services. We also previously operated a COVID-19 Emergency Shelter in Van Nuys that was able to serve 106 individuals and provide 2,758 nights of shelter.

Our ABH Van Nuys site provides 24-hour bed availability, Housing Navigation services, Case Management Services, Residential Supervision, Crisis Intervention & Conflict Resolution, Security, Meals and Showers. Our Access Center Site provides an initial Screening for needed services, Emergency Services Referrals, Problem Solving Referrals, Supportive Services Referral, Case Management Referrals, Restroom & Shower Access and Security.





If granted a \$5,000 donation we would be able to better serve the Van Nuys community by utilizing funds for financial assistance and shelter supplies. We would be able to provide financial support for our clients so that they can obtain needed vital documents, cover housing application fees, credit check fees, and employment assistance to increase their readiness for permanent housing. We would also utilize funds for shelter supplies that include, pillows, twin sheet sets, plastic drawers, technology to support our clients be able to access telehealth medical services, access to COVID AKIDO testing and educational/therapeutic items that could include art supplies, stress relieving activities and accessories, books and games.

This grant would afford Hope of the Valley the opportunity to help ABH Van Nuys participants by eliminating some of the most common financial barriers they face when seeking and obtaining permanent housing. This support would enable HOTV to ultimately house more individuals who are experiencing homelessness in the City of Van Nuys.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have or if you would like to tour our facilities at (805) 279-3055.

Thank you for your consideration.

Ken Craft  
President & Chief Executive Officer

