

Community Catalysts of California Receives Grant Award from Disabled Veterans National Foundation

San Diego, California - April 21, 2021 - Community Catalysts of California is honored to announce it has received a grant from the Disabled Veterans National Foundation (DVNF) for \$16,000 which will provide formerly homeless veterans living with disabilities a financial safety net while they transition from homelessness into housing and gain meaningful employment. This funding will be used to equitably support veterans with various needs, adequate support will be given to all, and a chance to end homelessness is attainable for everyone.

Wendy Forkas, CEO of Community Catalysts of California said, “We are so grateful and excited for this partnership with DVNF. This grant will help expand our reach and support for Veterans who need assistance transitioning from homelessness into permanent housing. Thanks to DVNF, critical funds will be available to Veterans that will make a difference during a difficult time and provide them with the opportunity to truly improve their lives.”

Joseph VanFonda (USMC Sgt.Maj. Ret.), CEO of the Disabled Veterans National Foundation said, “We are proud to support Community Catalysts of California, as they continue to make a positive impact in veterans’ lives. We would like to congratulate and thank them for their commitment to assisting the men and women who served in defense of our country.”

Community Catalysts of California serves veterans experiencing homelessness and individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities. Fifty individuals will be served by this program. This program will serve veterans in San Diego County and Imperial County.

About the Disabled Veterans National Foundation:

Disabled Veterans National Foundation exists to provide critically needed support to disabled and at-risk veterans who leave the military wounded—physically or psychologically—after defending our safety and our freedom.

DVNF achieves this mission by:

- Offering direct financial support to veteran organizations that address the unique needs of veterans, and whose missions align with that of DVNF.
- Providing supplemental assistance to homeless and low-income veterans through the Health & Comfort program and various empowerment resources.
- Providing an online resource database that allows veterans to navigate the complex process of seeking benefits that they are entitled to as a result of their military service, as well as additional resources they need.
- Serving as a thought leader on critical policy issues within the veteran community and educating the public accordingly.

About Community Catalysts of California:

Community Catalysts of California is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization that provides community-living skills training, residential support, crisis intervention, rapid re-housing, vocational counseling, job placement and other services to Veterans throughout Southern California. Our fundamental goal is to help people achieve a higher quality of life. Our mission is to create limitless pathways for people to belong where they live, work, learn, and play. Various private, federal, state, and local agencies as well as generous donors in the community support us. We have successfully provided services for over thirty-eight years creating limitless pathways for individuals and their families to belong where they live, work, learn, and play reaching their highest level of self-sufficiency and independence. For more information about Community Catalysts, please visit our website, www.communitycatalystscalifornia.org, or call 858-292-2020.

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