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### **SHELTER, Inc. Awarded \$1.5M HVRP Grant to Aid Veterans**

*Bay Area's Largest Homeless Services Non-Profit Expands Further Support to Those Who Have Served*

CONCORD, CA (July 2, 2022)— SHELTER, Inc. (SI) is proud to announce they have received a three-year, \$1.5M grant to administer funding from the HVRP (Homeless Veterans Rehabilitation Program). HVRP is a federally-funded program to assist homeless veterans find meaningful employment, housing and address the complex problems facing them.

Veterans must reside in Contra Costa or Solano county, be homeless or at risk of losing their housing, be able to prove veteran status, hold a discharge status of other than a dishonorable discharge, and be employable but unemployed, or earning below area median income level.

The grant is expected to encompass 75 clients in the program and will be administered out of SI's Concord, CA office. Services that SI will administer as part of the program include: job placement, training, job development, career counseling, resume preparation, interview and work clothing, housing assistance, referrals to medical and substance abuse treatment, and transportation assistance.

While the number has declined since 2010, a staggering 31%, or 19,000 of remaining U.S. homeless veterans are in CA. SHELTER, Inc. has a robust number of homeless veteran clients (17% of its clientele) and is well attuned to the needs of this homeless segment.

"SHELTER, Inc has been serving Veterans for over 20 years; with Veteran-specific programs in existence for the last 13 years. The majority of our Veteran team members are also Veterans themselves, so we take our mission very much to heart. We understand the complex barriers they face, and have proven this with our long record of *successfully* serving Veterans; with program outcomes well above national averages. We're excited to be able to bring the HVRP Program to our community and continue to meet the unique needs of the Veterans we serve. In the midst of a pandemic and unknown economic climate, employment services for



them are needed now more than ever.” says Mary Fitzgerald, Deputy Director of Veteran and Employment Services.

One of the largest homeless services providers in the Bay Area, SHELTER, Inc. also operates Solano County’s largest homeless shelter, a family shelter in Martinez, CA, and a co-ed men’s and women’s shelter in Sacramento, CA.

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About SHELTER, Inc:

Since 1986, SHELTER, Inc. has provided critical housing assistance, case management, and wrap-around services to help families and individuals facing eviction, living on the streets or struggling to obtain affordable rental housing. SHELTER, Inc., works to prevent homelessness, end homelessness and provide affordable housing. On average, 2,500 children, women and men annually participate in SHELTER, Inc. programs in Contra Costa, Solano, and Sacramento counties.