



September 30, 2025

Kennewick VFW Post 5785
Chuck Forrester
28 E. 10th Ave.
Kennewick, WA 99336-6409

Re: Gesa Local Heroes Grant Program

Dear Chuck Forrester,

Congratulations! On behalf of the Gesa Credit Union and Gesa Community Foundation teams, we are delighted to inform you that your organization, **Kennewick VFW Post 5785** has been selected as the recipient of a **\$1,000.00** Local Heroes Grant award!

Gesa is a firm believer in honoring those that are on the ground working every day to make our communities better and safer for all. The work that Kennewick VFW Post 5785 has done to uplift our communities' veterans are recognized and we're incredibly grateful for it. Our team is in the process of finalizing documentation and preparing checks for distribution to grantees, which can be expected no later than November 29, 2025.

In the coming weeks, we'll connect with you to discuss sharing more about your organization and mission with our members and communities via our social media channels and media partners. We always appreciate the opportunity to share with our members how their support for Local Heroes is making an impact. This grant program is funded by Gesa Credit Union members who have elected to use a Local Heroes Affinity Debit Card. Every time they swipe their card, Gesa makes a small donation to a fund supporting our local heroes. The Gesa Community Foundation uses that money for our grant program to support you and other organizations working with our Local Heroes populations.

Stay tuned for next steps. We look forward to staying connected with you and helping share more about this grant and your organization. We're honored to support the work that you do every day. Thank you for being our Local Hero!

Sincerely,

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