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The Southeastern Credit Union Foundation Announces Awardees for Newly Launched Grants Program

TALLAHASSEE, FL – The Southeastern Credit Union Foundation (SECUF), the charitable arm of the League of Southeastern Credit Unions (LSCU), is thrilled to unveil the recipients of its highly anticipated Grants Program, which encompasses two distinct categories: the Community Impact Grant Program and the Credit Union Development Grant Program. These programs aim to empower credit unions and organizations to address critical issues within their communities and foster long-term sustainability.

Following an extensive evaluation process, the selected organizations have demonstrated exceptional dedication to their communities and exhibited innovative approaches to addressing critical challenges. Collectively, these outstanding recipients have been awarded a combined total of \$45,500 in grant funding.

Community Impact Grant Program Recipients:

AOD Federal Credit Union Birmingham City Credit Union Florida A&M University Federal Credit Union Fort McClellan Credit Union Orlando Credit Union Unity of Eatonville Federal Credit Union The Infirmary Federal Credit Union LSCU Cheaha Chapter

Credit Union Development Grant Program Recipients:

Altamaha Federal Credit Union Farmers Federal Credit Union FiCare Federal Credit Union TVH Federal Credit Union Unity of Eatonville Federal Credit Union

The Community Impact Grant Program, a centerpiece of the Foundation's efforts, focuses on funding projects that tackle barriers to the well-being and prosperity of credit union members and their communities. With a particular emphasis on financial wellness and education, holistic wellness, housing stability, and food security, the program also extends support to credit unions seeking Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) certification or CDFI Fund grant-writing assistance. The maximum grant amount available under this program is \$5,000 for credit unions and \$1,500 for LSCU

Chapters.

"We are dedicated to supporting initiatives that make a meaningful difference in the lives of our members and communities," said Bobbi Grady, SECUF Director. "The Community Impact Grant Program allows us to address critical needs affecting our communities and provides resources that are crucial to the success of our environment."

The Credit Union Development Grant Program, the second component of the Grants Program, is designed to bolster the growth and sustainability of credit unions. Financial assistance is provided for projects that enhance staff and volunteer development, encourage technology adoption, and improve operational efficiency. Through this program, credit unions can access valuable resources to strengthen their capabilities and better serve their members.

"We understand the importance of a strong and sustainable credit union system. The Credit Union Development Grant Program allows us to invest in projects that foster growth, innovation, and operational excellence within credit unions," stated Grady.

The SECUF would like to express its heartfelt congratulations to all the grant recipients. Their outstanding work and commitment to their communities align perfectly with the Foundation's mission of fostering positive change and sustainable growth.

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ABOUT THE SOUTHEASTERN CREDIT UNION FOUNDATION

The Southeastern Credit Union Foundation is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the progressive professional development of credit union staff and volunteers, financial capability programs for all age groups, and the creation of valuable resources for our member credit unions and the communities they serve. The SECUF mission is to support economic growth by promoting financial wellness, sparking collaborative community initiatives, and providing disaster preparedness and relief to credit unions.

ABOUT THE LEAGUE OF SOUTHEASTERN CREDIT UNIONS & AFFILIATES

The League of Southeastern Credit Unions & Affiliates represents 301 credit unions throughout Alabama, Florida, and Georgia and has a combined total of more than \$177 billion in assets and more than 11.8 million members. LSCU provides advocacy, compliance services, education and training, cooperative initiatives, and communications. For more information, visit <u>www.lscu.coop</u>. Follow LSCU on <u>LinkedIn</u>, <u>Twitter</u>, and <u>Facebook</u>.