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Redding City Council Approves Micro Shelter Funding

\$485,000 Grant Awarded for United Way's South Market Micro Shelter Community

REDDING, CA (December 6, 2023) – Last night, the Redding City Council demonstrated its support of micro shelters by granting \$485,000 for United Way's South Market Micro Shelter Community, some of which will go towards the micro shelter project at St. James Lutheran Church.

Many individuals delivered moving speeches at the City Council meeting, including one of United Way's Micro Shelter residents, CJ Dodson, who, out of her own desire, felt compelled to speak at the meeting:

"I ask that you consider the good that is being done at the MSC [Micro Shelter Community] in helping those that need and want help. I am not merely some homeless person that you can look at but not see. I am here today so that you can see what a success story looks and sounds like... One thing I do know is that I am not worthless, but worth being heard."

This grant is a huge win for everyone in the City of Redding. As our unhoused community finds necessary support, every part of the city thrives.

"We could not and cannot do this alone," said Senior Program Manager - Homelessness, Tim Danielson. "We are thankful for the city, our partners, including Pathways, St. James Lutheran, Haven of Hope, Laurel Park, and many in the community who have helped out in so many ways."

United Way would like to thank everyone who contributed their time, effort, and hearts to see this funding reach our unsheltered population. To learn more about the South Market Micro Shelter Community, visit norcalunitedway.org.

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About United Way of Northern California:

United Way of Northern California (UWNC) was established in Redding in 1953 and primarily serves nine counties: Butte, Glenn, Lassen, Modoc, Plumas, Shasta, Siskiyou, Tehama, and Trinity. Its mission is to fight for the education, income, and health of all residents in the community. UWNC is active in disaster relief and recovery, raises funds for nonprofit agencies, and operates human services helplines in Shasta, Siskiyou, and Tehama counties, accessed by dialing 211. For more information about United Way of Northern California, visit www.norcalunitedway.org.