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## **Legence Bank Awards an additional \$21,000 in Grants for COVID-19 Relief Supporting Southern Illinois**

Eldorado, IL., Corporate Headquarters, November 2, 2020 -- Legence Bank, a strong community bank since 1906, with a focus on building stronger communities and providing customized financial solutions, was a recipient of an additional \$16,000 grant, through a partnership with Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago (FHLB), for COVID-19 neighborhood relief. Earlier in June, we awarded \$20,000 in grants to local philanthropic groups. We had an opportunity to add \$5,000 to the \$16,000, totaling, \$21,000 in grants. With this funding, Legence awarded 4 grants to local organizations in market areas we serve.

As a local community bank operating in low to moderate income areas, Legence focuses heavily on the Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) to support local businesses and non-profit organizations as we reinvest into the community. With the grants from FHLB, Legence has been able to assist local businesses during these challenging times.

“We are proud to support the important work these local businesses and non-profit organizations are doing by providing funding that will truly make a difference in the communities we serve in the midst of the COVID-19 crisis,” said Kevin Beckemeyer, President and CEO of Legence Bank.

We were able to award grants to the following businesses; **The Women’s Center, SI Coalition for the Homeless, Men of Power – Women of Strength and Hope Unlimited.**

“This donation comes at a critical time for the Women’s Center, the support provided by Legence Bank will help in our mission to provide shelter, counseling, and other advocacy services,” said Gloria Tison, Board Member, Women’s Center. These businesses provide a tremendous amount of outreach for the citizens of southern Illinois and our team at Legence Bank is blessed to provide continued support.

### **Legence Bank**

Legence Bank began providing banking services in southern Illinois in 1906. Today, the bank

maintains \$560 million in assets and operates 12 branch locations across southern Illinois and 1 in southern Indiana. Legence Bank offers a variety of checking accounts, saving accounts, mortgage loans, agriculture loans, along with a full range of commercial banking services; in addition to many features in online banking and our app which provide conveniences to our customers. Legence Bank is a strong supporter of the communities we serve, donating and volunteering to help local civic and philanthropic organizations. The Bank's board, management and staff are excited to create new banking concepts for the communities we serve. With over a century of history and a legacy of caring, personal service, Legence Bank is forging ahead into the future, continuing its strategic goal of providing the communities it serves with a premier financial institution and state of the art technology and conveniences, while remaining independently owned and committed to our most valuable asset: our customers. For more information, visit [LegenceBank.com](http://LegenceBank.com).

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