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Orange County Community Foundation Awarded \$15,000 Grant from Bank of America in Support of the Orange County Veterans Initiative

Newport Beach, Calif., July 19, 2018—The Orange County Community Foundation (OCCF) recently received a \$15,000 grant from Bank of America in support of the Orange County Veterans Initiative (OCVI). The funding from Bank of America will benefit the economic mobility for veterans by investing in workforce development and addressing barriers such as transitioning to civilian life. To date, OCVI has granted \$2.3 million to nonprofits serving more than 12,000 local veterans and their families.

“We greatly appreciate Bank of America’s support of this critical initiative,” said Shelley Hoss, OCCF president. “Their grant will support our longstanding commitment to creating positive futures for our military veterans and their families through the Orange County Veterans Initiative (OCVI) and make sure that veterans returning to Orange County receive the welcome home they deserve.”

OC Veterans Initiative was launched in 2011 and then expanded in 2015 based on findings from The State of the American Veteran: The Orange County Veterans Study, a report commissioned by OCCF to bring much needed attention to the challenges facing Orange County veterans. OCVI aligns donors, businesses and community leaders to focus on three critical areas of need: Transitioning to civilian life; employment readiness and job skills; and health services. The program is increasing collaboration between service providers and developing a coordinated system of care for OC Veterans and their families. [Learn more about OCVI.](#)

“We owe so much to our veterans and we are proud to help ensure they have the resources to get on the path to economic success as they transition to civilian life. Bank of America works with longtime partner Orange County Community Foundation as they connect local veterans with the skills training, counseling and job opportunities they might not otherwise have access to,” said Allen Staff, Orange County market president, Bank of America.

About Orange County Community Foundation

Founded in 1989, the Orange County Community Foundation (OCCF) works with donors, strengthens the local nonprofit sector and works to find solutions to community needs. Since its inception, OCCF has awarded \$510 million in grants and scholarships and ranks among the top 10 percent in asset size among more than 780 U.S. community foundations. For more information, visit oc-cf.org or call 949-553-4202. Be a part of our conversation on [Facebook](#) [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#). View OCCF’s 2017 annual report [here](#).

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