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**Chaplain Services Network named as recipient of Gesa Credit Union's
Local Heroes Grant Award**

Chaplain Services Network to use grant for Critical Incident Stress Management training

Richland, WA. (October 22, 2021) – Chaplain Services Network today announced it has been chosen as one of the recipients of Gesa Credit Union's Local Heroes Grant Award. As one of 23 recipients in Washington state, Chaplain Services Network received \$5000.00 in funding.

With the award money, Chaplain Services Network plans to provide training in Critical Incident Stress Management to local first responders helping them stay effective in their work and home life. The first class funded by the Local Heroes grant can be found on our website at <https://www.chapserv.net/upcoming-classes>.

"Gesa recognizes and appreciates our local heroes who serve our communities across Washington state," said Richard Waddle, Executive Vice President of Gesa Credit Union. "We're thrilled to honor the invaluable work that Chaplain Services Network has done, and we thank them for their selfless efforts in serving our community."

Gesa Credit Union's Local Heroes Grant Program provides grants to organizations that support local heroes including firefighters, law enforcement, teachers and veterans in the state of Washington.

"We are thrilled for the support this grant offers us in serving those who serve our communities. Fire/Rescue, EMS, and Law Enforcement face high stress situations on a daily basis. The nationally certified training we offer will equip them to be more resilient in the face of adversity." - Chaplain/Trainer Bill Lotz

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Chaplain Services Network is a 501c3 non-profit organization that exists to provide physical, emotional, cognitive, behavioral, and spiritual support to emergency services personnel and to the victims of emergent crisis using qualified professional staff and trained volunteers. You can learn more about Chaplain Services Network, our staff, and volunteers at www.ChapServ.Net.