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**Sunderland Foundation Awards City of Jonesboro Grant
\$100,000 to go towards Veterans Village**

Jonesboro, Arkansas, (X Date) Just prior to the groundbreaking of the Veterans Village on August 18, 2020, the City of Jonesboro Community Development Department received notice that the City of Jonesboro had been awarded \$100,000 from the Sunderland Foundation to go towards the construction of the Outreach Center at the Veterans Village. The Veterans Village will be a state-of-the-art transitional living facility for homeless veterans, and the Outreach Center will be the epicenter of case management and supportive services.

An application was submitted by the Community Development Department to the Sunderland Foundation at the end of June. The Sunderland Foundation, which is based out of Overland Park, Kansas, makes awards to qualifying organizations working on capital improvement projects throughout the mid-west and Pacific Northwest.

This donation is significant to facilitating the completion of the Outreach Center, which will be an integral part of the Veterans Village. As homelessness, especially among veterans, continues to be a prevailing problem throughout the country, it is facilities such as this that house essential supportive services to help the brave servicemen and women who sacrificed so much for us. The Community Development Department is continuing to accept donations for the remaining expenses associated with completing the Veterans Village and Outreach Center.

The City of Jonesboro is a local municipality focused on improving quality of life for all Jonesboro citizens.

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If you would like to support the Veterans Village project through a donation, please call Regina Burkett, Director of Community Development, at 870-336-7229 or rburkett@jonesboro.org.