UWSN Community Impact Grants

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Arriba Las Vegas Worker Center | Workforce Development

Arriba Las Vegas Worker Center supports immigrant workers with a range of workforce support services. Primary services and program activities include informational orientations, online application assistance, access to computers, internet and fax, translation, and support for low-income Spanish-speaking members with limited access to technology. The goal of the program is to help community members receive equitable access to resources.



Asian Community Development Council | Community Support

The **Asian Community Development Council** advocates for the growing underserved Asian population in the greater Nevada community by delivering quality programming and services in healthcare access and education, direct relief to address growing housing and food insecurity, workforce and leadership development, immigration education, and civic engagement. The **Community Language Access Support Program** will recruit, retain, and develop bi-lingual client success advocates for the top 5 AAPI languages spoken in Southern Nevada to strengthen access to culturally and linguistically appropriate programs and services for Asian and Pacific Islander families with limited English proficiency. The intended impact is to expand language access and intake capacity for direct community relief including community navigation and language support.



Boys and Girls Club of Truckee Meadows | Student Success

Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows supports children in Nevada year-round through after-school, summer, and school break programming and services. The Club is committed to providing diverse programs and supporting community involvement. The newly established clubs in rural Panaca (Lincoln County) and Tonopah (Nye County), provide youth ages 6 - 17 with activities to improve academic learning, build character, establish healthy habits, develop leadership skills, and opportunities to explore their future academic and career choices and will include roundtrip transportation for youth living in nearby towns.



Boys Town Nevada, Inc. | Student Success

Boys Town Nevada, Inc. is dedicated to bringing together educators, students, and families to address the behavioral and social-emotional needs of at-risk students in our community. Through the **LIFT Together – Well-Managed Schools**, this organization supports primary services and program activities including teacher and parent-training classes, student behavior interventions and supports, in-home family consulting, case management, behavioral health services, and administrative consulting and professional development for educators at Rowe Elementary School.



Candlelighters Childhood Cancer Foundation of Nevada | Community Support

Candlelighters Childhood Cancer Foundation of Nevada provides emotional support, quality of life programs, and financial assistance for children and their families who are affected by a childhood cancer diagnosis. Through the Housing Assistance for Families program, families of children with cancer can receive housing assistance to allow them to focus on their children's well-being. Activities include providing families with secure housing, food, and transportation that assist with adhering to treatment, and ultimately increasing positive cancer outcomes.



Casa de Luz | Student Success

Casa de Luz supports at-risk youth from pre-k through high school who are embedded in the neighborhoods of Naked City and Sherwood Forest. Through the **Youth Program**, a center has been established in each neighborhood that offers after-school tutoring, homework help, mentorship, and educational outings. Additional activities include workshops, paid student internships, college scholarship opportunities and support for teens as they apply for their learner's permit and driver's license. Long term outcomes include increased grade promotion, graduation, and transition to post-secondary education or vocational job training.



Children's Heart Foundation | Community Support

Children's Heart Foundation supports families through emotional, educational, and financial support to inspire a higher quality of life for all. Through the **Outreach Assistance Program**, they lend support to families as they deal with the emotional and financial toll exacted by a child's heart condition, including financial assistance to heart families who are experiencing financial hardship during medical crisis situations by helping with food, medical, and expenses incurred when traveling for heart treatments and procedures not available locally, as well as gas, rent or mortgage, utilities, prescription costs, medical equipment, and funeral assistance.



CORE, powered by The Rogers Foundation | Student Success

CORE, **powered by the Rogers Foundation** is dedicated to providing support services to middle school scholars in Las Vegas. Through their **CORE Scholars program**, they will support a new student cohort of fifty to sixty scholars at Democracy Preparatory Academy Campus (Democracy Prep), a one-star public middle school and high school in the Clark County School District. The goal of the organization is to provide program activities including academic and social-emotional interventions, leadership and character development curriculums, and family engagement support.



Desert Spring Community Resource Center | Community Support

Desert Spring Community Resource Center supports individuals and families access a range of community services for underserved Clark, Lincoln, and Nye County residents that are experiencing food insecurity, or are in need of healthcare, social, or employment services. The implementation and expansion of the **Network Table Program** is intended to empower Southern Nevada residents to develop the better lives they envision for themselves and their children. Through the social networks of trained volunteers, people in crisis can connect to the broader social capital found among community members, which can often be out of reach for those in poverty or crisis.



Discovery Children's Museum | Student Success

DISCOVERY Children's Museum fosters a welcoming, vibrant, and inclusive environment where all are invited to engage in playful and educational experiences that ignite a lifelong love of learning. Through the **YouthWorks Internship Program**, valuable professional and personal life skills are taught to youth ages 15 - 17 needing work experience and positive individual mentorship. Activities include experiences such as leadership events and externship visits to allow students to learn from other community organizations and gain exposure to many professional industries and fields.



Going Places. Going Strong.

Dress for Success Southern Nevada | Workforce Development

Dress for Success of Southern Nevada is an organization that provides professional attire, career development tools and support to unemployed, underemployed, and economically disadvantaged women in the Las Vegas valley. Through their **Suiting Program and Career Development support** they serve to offer services and program activities including professional attire and career development tools. The goal of DFSSN is to ultimately help their program participants gain employment in Southern Nevada.



Eye Care 4 Kids Nevada | Student Success

Eye Care 4 Kids supports at-need children's eye care during the academic year in Southern Nevada. Through their **Sight 4 Success Program**, they strive to make professional vision care accessible to underserved students in the Clark County School District. Their goal is to deliver primary services and program activities through the Mobile Vision Clinic by providing comprehensive eye exams, and prescription eyeglasses.



Foster Kinship | Community Support

Foster Kinship is dedicated to supporting at-need families meet their financial and legal goals in the community. Through their **Kinship Navigator Program**, they aim to provide wrap-around services for lower-income kinship families such as food, clothing, childcare & housing assistance, toiletries, as well as financial assistance. Their goals include assisting their participants in meeting financial goals as well as obtaining legal goals in relation to child wellness.



Foundation for an Independent Tomorrow | Workforce Development

Foundation for an Independent Tomorrow is dedicated to providing job training, coaching, and support to job seekers to prepare them for the specific needs and skills required for local employers. The organization providers an array of services directed to the development of work readiness soft skills coupled with hard skill training leading to industry-recognized credentials. The goal of the **Pathway Back to Employment Program** is to help workers affected by the pandemic obtain self-sufficient and sustainable employment.



Future Smiles | Community Support

Future Smiles strives to increase access to oral health care for underserved populations. Through the **Future Smiles traveling dental program**, dental hygienists and assistants with portable dental units provide dental hygiene education, oral health supplies, dental sealants, enamel repair, fluoride varnish applications, and referrals for students in Title 1 CCSD and charter schools, Pre-K centers, and community centers in Clark County. By providing routine access to dental health education, Future Smiles intends to improve children's understanding of dental health, decrease dental pain and urgent care visits to address dental related issues, and increase children's quality of life.



Goodwill of Southern Nevada | Workforce Development

Goodwill of Southern Nevada supports Southern Nevadans on their journey to self-sufficiency through local employment and upward mobility. Through the expansion of their **Paycheck in 100 Days Program**, program participants are enrolled in a train-to-hire program model that places them in a high-wage, high-growth, in-demand occupation in less than 100 days. The intended outcome for participants is to be successful in training and then placed in careers with local employers, ensuring that their families achieve long-term economic self-sufficiency.



Grant a Gift Autism Foundation Ackerman Center | Workforce Development

Grant A Gift Autism Foundation is dedicated to providing job training to those who are on the autism spectrum in Southern Nevada. Through their **Vocational Job Training Program**, they aim to support people on the spectrum gain employment and self-sufficiency. Their goals are to offer work readiness support and job placement assistance.



Great Basin College, Pahrump Valley Center | Workforce Development

Great Basin College – Pahrump Valley Center supports adults by providing student-centered, post-secondary education to rural Nevada. Through the **Manufacturing Machining Technology Program**, Great Basin College-Pahrump Valley Center will implement the Renishaw Equator 300 CMM educational package that will allow the Manufacturing Machining Technology program to certify students through the National Institute for Metalworking Skills (NIMS). As the only Manufacturing Machining Technology Program in Southern Nevada, the program will utilize this educational package to inspect and verify the parts that students make in order to apply for NIMS certification. This program will equip the students with valuable experience in quality control and inspection to help them be more prepared to fill high skill, indemand jobs in mining, agriculture, gaming, manufacturing, welding fabrication, robotics, and aerospace.



Green Our Planet | Student Success

Green Our Planet provides education to students in the Clark County School District. Through their **Farmpreneur Program** at 100 Nevada schools in partnership with the Nevada Department of Education (NDE), they aim to offer teacher training and lessons in financial literacy, food justice, multiculturalism, and civics. Primary services and program activities include teacher training and learning enrichment to promote financial literacy, civics, inclusion, and entrepreneurship. The goal of this organization is to promote an increase of school attendance by students in CCSD.



Helping Hands of Vegas Valley | Community Support

Helping Hands of Vegas Valley supports seniors and their families improve their quality of life to maintain their dignity and independence. The **Bus and Volunteer Transportation Program** is offered at no cost to low-/mod-income seniors aged 60 and older who live in Las Vegas and North Las Vegas with transportation to the grocery store, healthcare services, pharmacies, social outings, and any other social service agency.



HopeLink of Southern Nevada | Workforce Development

HopeLink of Southern Nevada is dedicated to supporting families through employment resources in Southern Nevada. Through their **CareerLink program**, they provide aid to clients in supportive housing programs to attain financial stability. Primary program activities include job readiness activities, mentoring, connections to hiring managers, and support from community organizations. The goal of this organization is to assist families gain employment within the community.



Jobs For Nevada's Graduates | Student Success

Jobs 4 Nevada Graduates is dedicated to supporting students at risk of not graduating at Chaparral High School located in east Las Vegas. Through their program **J4NG**, **an in-school intervention program** that works with students facing significant barriers to graduation and entry into career pathways, they provide one on one support to change the trajectory of their participants. They offer program activities such as elective credit classes, club activities, mentoring, wraparound supports, and follow up after graduation.



Jr. Achievement of Southern Nevada | Student Success

Jr. Achievement of Southern Nevada is dedicated to supporting students at risk in Southern Nevada schools. Through the **Empowerment Initiative**, they aim to enable students to understand business, citizenship, economics, financial literacy, entrepreneurship, ethics, and work readiness through after school activities and presentation. Program activities include business volunteer presentations in classrooms, guidebooks and workshops, role play exercises, and games. The goal of the program is to provide students with the opportunity to engage in educational programming outside of school hours to increase grade-level promotion.



Kline Veterans Fund | Community Support

Kline Vets Fund is an organization dedicated to supporting veterans in the Southern Nevada community. Through the implementation of their Homes for the Brave program, they aim to support the housing and rapid rehousing of military veterans with a priority for disabled/chronically ill, senior citizens, single parents, and families with minor children. Their goals are to offer program services such as immediate, low-barrier aid for security deposits and eviction prevention to place or keep families in their homes.



Leaders in Training | Student Success

Leaders in Training works to build stronger, healthier communities as a lead advocate, coalition-builder, and direct service provider to ensure economic self-sufficiency. The program empowers first-generation high school students from low-income families to obtain college-level education. The organization emphasizes college access, leadership development, and financial education. The goal of the program is to help students become competitive college applicants as they obtain real-world work and leadership experience.



Lighthouse Charities | Workforce Development

Lighthouse Charities supports and empowers refugees through comprehensive services and workforce development training so they can rebuild their lives, prosper, and contribute to the vitality of our community. Through various **job training programs**, Lighthouse Charities provides paid job skills training and English language classes to help refugees gain the skills and confidence they need to be successful in the American workforce.



Nevada HAND | Community Support

Nevada HAND supports the lives of low-income residents and their families by providing affordable housing with on-site, wrap-around supportive services. Through the **Wrap-around Services for Local Low-income Residents of Affordable Housing Program**, low-income families living in Nevada HAND's residential units can benefit from access to on-site supportive services integrated into the affordable communities where they live. Nevada HAND is committed to providing equitable access to resources like food pantries, shuttle services, social services, educational workshops, and after-school activities to all. These year-round on-site services serve to reduce isolation, promote educational attainment, develop life skills, and promote health decision-making.



Project Dot | Community Support

Project Dot supports homeless and low-income girls, women, binary, and transmen experiencing period poverty to provide dignity during their monthly cycles while raising awareness of the need for proper hygiene. Through the implementation of the **Teen Ambassador Program**, Project Dot plans to expand operations to serve more homeless and low-income girls, women, binary, and transmen as well as to establish programming at local high schools to increase student participation and the number of hygiene kits produced and distributed.



Nevada Health Centers | Community Support

Nevada Health Centers is dedicated to providing access to quality healthcare services throughout Nevada by reducing barriers like geographic isolation, low income, lack of insurance, and other reasons. The **Nevada Children's Health Program** involves taking the Mobile Health Clinic (Big Blue) directly to areas with high-risk populations to provide primary and preventive healthcare and health education. Program staff will also offer navigation assistance and linkages with project partners (e.g. shelter/housing, food, dental care, mental health treatment, support groups, legal assistance, literacy education, job skills training).



Research Education and Access to Community Health Corporation (REACH) | Community Support Research, Education and Access for Community Health supports low-income individuals and families with healthcare services in 89101. Through the establishment of the REACH Community Health Center, REACH seeks to improve the health of the underserved community and vulnerable populations by assuring access to comprehensive, culturally competent, quality primary health care services. RCHC will provide services to all and offers a comprehensive Sliding Fee Discount Schedule for all individuals living at or below the 200% Federal Poverty Guideline.



SafeNest | Community Support

SafeNest is an organization dedicated to providing shelter and supportive services to residents in Southern Nevada. Through their **Residential Supportive Services**, they aim to provide shelter and transitional housing programs designed to assist individuals and families affected by domestic violence. Goals of this organization are to assist residents with services and activities including counseling, advocacy, employment opportunities, job training, childcare, transportation, and financial education.



Signs of Hope (dba The Rape Crisis Center) | Community Support

Signs of Hope is dedicated to supporting children and families with emergency crisis response and services in Southern Nevada. Through the implementation of the **RISE program**, Signs of Hope provides primary services and advocacy support for victims and survivors or human trafficking.



Solutions of Change | Community Support

Solutions of Change supports children, young adults, and their families who have a diagnosable mental, behavioral, or emotional disorder identify, learn, and apply positive solutions to assist in building better self-sufficiency and life skills. Through the **Thriving Youth and Families Mental Health Program**, Solutions of Change offers culturally and linguistically appropriate services and responsive individualized, family, and group therapeutic counseling, behavior management coaching, peer-to-peer mentoring, parent training, and comprehensive case management for youth, young adults, and their families.



Spread the Word Nevada | Student Success

Spread the Word Nevada is dedicated to supporting childhood literacy in elementary students in low-income communities in Southern Nevada. Through the **Books & Buddies Mentor Centers**, they aim to serve children from kindergarten to 5th grade with in-school mentorship that bridges school and family supports to bolster children's literacy growth by providing programming that will develop reading proficiency, comprehension, and verbal recitation skills. Students are also given copies of the books and program materials to take home to practice and enjoy with their families. Program goals include increasing students' progression for future learning and grade promotion.



Tech Impact | Workforce Development

Tech Impact is an organization dedicated to supporting the education of youth in Southern Nevada. Through the implementation of their **workforce development programs (ITWorks)**, they are focused on technology careers through the provision of education, technical training, and employment opportunities to young adults. Primary services and program activities include technical and professional skills, hands-on experience, certification, mentorship, and job preparation and placement assistance. The goal of the organization is to ensure participants gain career credentials to increase their employment opportunities.



The Culinary Academy of Las Vegas | Workforce Development

The **Culinary Academy of Las Vegas** supports individuals training for successful, family-sustaining careers in the hospitality industry. Through the implementation of the **Mobile Classroom Food Truck Program**, The Culinary Academy will provide training, experience, and credentials such as the skills needed to perform the duties of a professional cook, kitchen steward, and barista. Students will become proficient in hot and cold food production, plate and food presentation, and line mechanics as they become familiar with the production and operation of restaurants.



The Garden Foundation | Workforce Development

The Garden Foundation supports and enhances the lives of people with disabilities by providing a place of education, inspiration, independence, and inclusion. Through the specialized **Community Internship and Job Training Program**, adults with disabilities are assisted with preparing and entering the workforce. Through a partnership with Dig it! Coffee Co., the career development program, equips individuals with specialized supportive services, training, and materials to ensure their successful transition into the workforce.



The LGBTQ Center of Southern Nevada | Community Support

The LGBTQ Center of Southern Nevada supports and celebrates the diversity of our community and strives to empower all to live authentic lives. Through the reimagination of the Identi-T Program, which provides transgender programming and services, they host peer-facilitated support groups as well as services for economic, housing, and rights advocacy. Expansion of this program will allow The Center to better serve the emotional, social, physical, and economic well-being for more people with relevant and meaningful services that strengthens the trans community.



The Public Education Foundation | Student Success

The **Public Education Foundation** supports students in the CCSD to meet immediate, critical education needs that will strengthen students' education. Through the expansion of the **Equal Access and Opportunity Program**, PEF will provide scholarship application workshops to seniors at Desert Pines and Western High Schools. Activities include financial literacy programming for families and students through evening and weekend in-person and online workshops to increase post-secondary applications and scholarship awards.



United Labor Agency of Nevada (ULAN) | Community Support

United Labor Agency of Nevada supports the quality of life for workers, their families, and the community at large by providing direct services and access to services to meet their basic needs and to improve the community. Through the **Basic Needs Program**, ULAN plans to expand some of the existing services they provide to allow flexibility in assisting families and individuals in need. This program is one of the agency's critical programs that help individuals and families when they find themselves in tough financial hardships.



UNLV Foundation - HOPE Scholars | Student Success

UNLV Foundation – HOPE Scholars is dedicated to supporting at-risk college youth with housing and education assistance in Las Vegas. Through the **UNLV HOPE Scholars program**, they are able to assist unaccompanied homeless youth in Clark County who are graduating high school and require housing, academic, and financial support while attending UNLV. Their goals and services include housing support and program infrastructure such as dedicated staff, advising, mentorship, community building, and skill building while enrolled in the program.



UNLV Foundation – Sports Innovation | Student Success

UNLV Foundation - Sports Innovation is dedicated to providing internships and work experience to college students. Through their **Special Events Internship Program**, they provide internships and work experience to college students seeking careers in intercollegiate athletics, professional sports, and large-scale events. Primary services and program activities will include specialized education in the leadership, management, and governance of sport organizations for individuals interested in amateur and professional sport organizations, teams, and events. Goals for this program are to graduate students with real experience and community support to succeed in the workforce.

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UNSHAKEABLE | Workforce Development

UNSHAKEABLE is an organization dedicated to supporting women with workforce development and employment opportunities in the community. Through their **Empower to Employ program**, they provide career coaching to women struggling to reclaim their future from their past trauma of homelessness, substance addiction, domestic violence, and human trafficking. They aim to provide personal and professional development and potential employment in a social enterprise operated by UNSHAKEABLE.



YMCA of Southern Nevada | Student Success

YMCA of Southern Nevada is an organization dedicated to providing quality education to community youth. Through their **Y Scholars Academy**, an evidence-based academic intervention program, they provide academic enrichment and education to at-need students throughout Clark County. Their goal through program activities includes academic instruction and support during the summer months.