

# COMMUNITY IMPACT GRANT PORTFOLIO 2024-2025

#### **UWSN Community Impact Grants**

Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Funded Partners United Way of Southern Nevada





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.



Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southern Nevada | Student Success

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southern Nevada is dedicated to creating and supporting one-to-one mentoring relationships that ignite the power and promise of youth. Through their Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southern Nevada Program, they aim to provide students with after-school mentoring at the East Las Vegas Community Center to elevate academic performance and ignite their potential in life. Program activities include homework support, games, library visits, reading, and arts and crafts. The goal of the organization is to is to provide youth with opportunities to achieve educational success.



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.



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.



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#### **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 | Community Support

**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.



#### Fulfillment Fund of Las Vegas | Student Success

**Fulfillment Fund of Las Vegas** is dedicated to inspiring first-generation students and removing barriers to post-secondary access and post-secondary graduation. Through their **Fulfillment Fundamentals Program**, they aim to leveragage student achievement through school partnerships and community outreach-centered post-secondary access programming. Program activities include college-access curriculum lessons, post-secondary education workshops, and community outreach events to help students and their families get to post-secondary education.



# 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.



#### Gay and Lesbian 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.



## Girls on the Run Las Vegas | Student Success

**Girls on the Run Las Vegas** inspires girls to be joyful, healthy and confident using a fun, experience-based curriculum which creatively integrates running. Through their **Scholarship Program**, they aim to provide young girls with an experience-based curriculum that creatively integrates running and self-esteem. Their activities include participating in a team-based community service project, a non-competitive 5k run event, a curriculum in socio-emotional development, and the recruitment of many diverse mentors and coaches.



## 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 their **Opportunity Accelerator Program**, they enroll program participants in a case management program that identifies and removes barriers to employment, retention, and upward mobility. 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 | Community Support

**Grant A Gift Autism Foundation** is dedicated to providing support and resources to those who are on the autism spectrum in Southern Nevada. Through their **Family Support Program**, they aim to assist individuals and families navigate through services by providing tailored assistance for families facing complex needs, such as autism spectrum disorder, fetal alcohol spectrum disorder, and other neurodevelopmental disabilities. Their goals are to offer educational workshops, programs, and training.



# 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.

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#### 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.



#### Iron Sharpens Iron Mentoring | Student Success

**Iron Sharpens Iron Mentoring** is dedicated to supporting at-risk youth through mentoring interventions and programming. Through their **Iron Sharpens Iron Mentoring Program**, they aim to provide mentoring to youth at-risk of involvement or involved in the juvenile justice system with the goal to reduce juvenile delinquency while increasing school attendance and academics leading to a more successful future. Activities of this program include homework help, networking opportunities, and group skills sessions.



#### 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.



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.



# NEVADA HAND

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 afterschool activities to all. These year-round on-site services serve to reduce isolation, promote educational attainment, develop life skills, and promote health decision-making.



Nevada Rural Counties RSVP Program | Community Support

**Nevada Rural Counties RSVP Program** is dedicated to supporting the elderly and other citizens in need of assistance in Esmeralda, Lincoln, and Nye Counties in Nevada. Through their **Nevada Rural Counties Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP),** they aim to provide seniors services like transportation, homemaker and respite care services, companionship and resource navigation. They also coordinate additional in-home assistance and social interactions which improves quality of life for seniors in our rural counties.



Noah's Animal House Foundation | Community Support

**Noah's Animal House Foundation** is dedicated to removing the barrier to accessing shelter for victims of domestic violence by providing onsite boarding for their pets. Through their **Pet Facility** at the Shade Tree, they aim to provide Shade Tree participants with a safe, comfortable, and easily accessible victim service component that enhances the healing opportunity for victims of domestic violence. Program participants can access pet boarding, veterinary services, and a healing space for themselves and their pets.



Olive Crest | Community Support

Olive Crest is dedicated to preventing child abuse and neglect by strengthening, equipping, and restoring children and families in crisis. Through their **Strong Families Program**, they aim to support low-income families with in-home programming to prevent child neglect, increase financial stability, and improve long-term outcomes for families. Activities include parenting education workshops, life skills training, job readiness and career development training, and rent/utility assistance.



Rebuilding Together Southern Nevada | Community Support

**Rebuilding Together Southern Nevada** is dedicated to repairing homes, revitalizing communities, and rebuilding lives. Through their **Safe at Home Program**, they aim to provide accessibility modifications to Clark County homes and low-income homeowners. This program provides home safety assessments, repairs, and accessibility modifications to low-income family homes.



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 support the health of the underserved community and vulnerable populations by assuring access to comprehensive, culturally competent, quality mental health services. Activities of this program include group therapy sessions, workshops, and resource navigation and referrals.



SafeNest | Workforce Development

**SafeNest** is an organization dedicated to providing shelter and supportive services to residents in Southern Nevada. Through their **Survivor Enrichment Program**, they aim to survivors of domestic and sexual violence, including trafficking, with job skills and experience to allow them to support their families without having to rely on a partner and risk becoming trapped in an abusive relationship again. Goals of this organization are to assist residents with services and activities including counseling, advocacy, employment opportunities, job training, childcare, transportation, and financial education.



**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 5<sup>th</sup> 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.



St. Jude's Ranch for Children | Community Support

**St. Jude's Ranch for Children** is dedicated to transforming the lives of abused and at-risk children, young adults, and families by empowering them to create new chances, new choices, and new hope in a caring community. Through their **STAR Program**, they aim to support middle school-aged children most in need due to challenges in their academic and personal lives such as homelessness, trauma, and more. This program provides youth with education and employment assistance, therapy, and any additional resources they may need.



Teach for America | Workforce Development

**Teach for America** is dedicated to finding, developing, and supporting equity-oriented leaders, individually and in teams, so they can transform education and expand opportunity with children, starting in the classroom. Through their **RootED Fellowship Program**, they aim to support Title I schools in retaining experienced educators and providing professional development opportunities for emerging educators to improve their practice. Program activities include professional development training, continuing education, and stipends.



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.



United States Veterans Initiative | Workforce Development

**US VETS** is dedicated to supporting the successful transition of military veterans and their families through the provision of housing, counseling, career development, and comprehensive support. Through the **US Vets Workforce Development Program**, they aim to provide veterans with the skills, resources, and opportunities to succeed in the civilian labor market and retain permanent housing in the long-term. Program activities include transportation services, job training, and networking events.



**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.



**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.