MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD AT THE CLARK COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER, PUEBLO ROOM, 1ST FLOOR, 500 S. GRAND CENTRAL PARKWAY, COUNTY OF CLARK, NEVADA, ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2017.

I. OPENING CEREMONIES

Ms. Lois Greene, CDAC Chair, called the meeting to order and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Public Comment – At this time, the Committee will hear comments from the public regarding items not listed on the agenda as posted.

No public comments.

III. Action-Approved minutes for February 6, 2018, meeting.

A motion was made to approve the minutes from February 6, 2018. Motion was approved.

IV. Discussion of Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) review process (Tameca Ulmer).

Ms. Tameca Ulmer, Grants Coordinator, Community Resources Management, Sheets that would give overview of projects being proposed Projected ESG funding because congress has yet to approve a budget Numbers based on previous funding: $611759 Maximum you can spend on shelter is 60% Presenters have 5 minutes to present and then 5 minutes for Q&A

V. Presentations from ESG Applicants

a. Family Promise- The Bridge Home (Shelter)

Requested Amount: $30,000

Terry Lindeman, the director of Family Promise, presented on behalf of The Bridge Home shelter. Family Promise has been working in Clark County for twenty-two (22) years. They are one (1) of seven (7) coordinated intake centers in Clark County, and their mission is to help homeless families with children achieve sustainable housing and independence. Family Promise is an interfaith shelter program that
accepts families of all compositions. They operate a Family Day Center whose features include showers, a laundry room, case managers, and transportation services. Their Bridge Home Program places intact families in a housing unit for 30 days at a time. Through this program they have helped ten (10) families, thirty-five (35) parents and children in the last twelve (12) months.
The funds requested are for case management, which they provide to all residents on their property.

b. **HopeLink of Southern Nevada – HomeLink (Shelter)**
**Requested Amount: $60,860**
Karen Kyger presented on behalf of Hopelink of Southern Nevada’s HomeLink shelter. HopeLink of Southern Nevada’s mission is to build a better community by preventing homelessness, keeping families intact, and promoting self-sufficiency. Their programs include shelter, rent and utility assistance, and rapid rehousing for the already homeless.
Hopelink’s focus is to get the homeless into shelters and then transitioned into permanent housing as quickly as possible. In the last year, they were able to move seventy-five percent (75%) of their sheltered families into permanent housing.
The funding requested is for case management costs for their new Homelink shelter, which will focus on victims of domestic violence.
Q: Are your services available only in Henderson?
A: No, our main offices are in Henderson, but we have case managers available throughout the entire county. We travel to the homeless.

c. **Nevada Partnership of Homeless Youth (Shelter)**
**Requested Amount: $39,750**
Arash Ghafoori presented on behalf of Nevada Partnership of Homeless Youth (NPHY). Youth homelessness is on the rise. It was reported in the Clark County homeless census of 2017 that two-thousand (2,000) unaccompanied homeless minors and youths are on the street, a thirty-four percent (34%) increase from the previous year. But in 2017, there were only fifty-seven (57) beds devoted to youth and twenty-four (24) shelters devoted to minors. Since 2010, NPHY has run a four (4) bed emergency shelter nestled within the continuum of care program. Last year they were able to double the size of the shelter thanks to other funding.
The proposed funds would be to gain four (4) more beds, serving
eighteen to twenty (18-20) year olds, an extension of the age rage that will help NPHY to better serve the youth population. The goal in this shelter is to transition the youths to stable housing. In the shelter they are provided a bed, food, water, basic medical care, therapy, skills training, case management, and transportation. NPHY uses positive youth development techniques to train the youth, have licensed social workers, and have a family reunification program.

NPHY also operates a drop-in center. The youths in their shelter can stay for 21 days, or until a permanent place is found. Last year, they provided six hundred and thirty five (635) bed nights to one hundred and twenty two (122) homeless youth.

Q: Is this a purely secular program?
A: Yes.

Q: Do you have statistics of your intake that fall on the LGBTQ spectrum?
A: Yes. About one (1) in five (5) youths they work with identify as LGBTQ.

Q: Didn’t hear this question.
A: Group therapy is a partnership with Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health.

Q: They can stay for up to 21 days or until they find a more permanent situation. How long is that extended?
A: They can stay longer under certain circumstances, but it’s only a week or two at most before they are placed in more permanent housing.

Q: Can you talk about the Mobile Crisis program?
A: NPHY has yellow diamonds on all city buses, Terrible Herbst gas stations, and fire departments that include a number for homeless youth to call. Safe place responders then answer, every single day of the year at any time of day or night, and they go to wherever the homeless youth is to help figure out what they should do next.

Q: Do you have a variety of therapy available?
A: Yes.

Q: Do you accept children on drugs?
A: Yes, as long as they’re not a risk to others, and then NPHY tries to help them into a program.

Q: Do you provide vocational counseling?
A: Yes, we do have a vocational counselor on staff. Also NPHY has agreements with CCSD and UNLV to get youths into UNLV.
Q: How long have you been in Las Vegas?

d. SAFE House – Emergency Services Program (Shelter)
Requested Amount: $68,230
Julie Proctor, the executive director and cofounder of SAFE House, presented on behalf of the Emergency Services Program. SAFE House was established in 1994 because of the need for services for domestic violence victims and their children. It is one of two (2) shelters in Clark County that are in undisclosed locations, meaning no one knows where they’re located in order to protect their clients. Their services include a shelter open all year, a hotline also maintained year round, counselors including an addiction counselor and a learning counselor a learning center for children, and legal advocates.
The SAFE House facility can house approximately fifty-four (54) women and children at a time. All of their services are free of charge, They also work with male victims, housing them and their families separately in hotels.
SAFE House is just beginning to go into the Clark County School District, and they already operate a program in the detention center for young boys to teach them to react differently.
The funding requested is for a full time and part time shelter facilitator, utilities, and the Clarity Program.
Q: What does HMIS stand for?
A: Homeless Management Information System- The Clarity Program is a form of HMIS that SAFE House uses.
Q: In emergency shelters, do you take cell phones away?
A: No.
Q: Is there a reporting system to check people out?
A: That would be something for the FBI, Metro, or 331.
SAFE House does work with the authorities to ensure the safety of their clients.
Q: How long have you been in Vegas?

e. SAFE Nest: Temporary Assistance for Domestic Crisis, Inc. – Emergency Shelter Project (Shelter)
Requested Amount: $144,511
Christy Shannon, SAFE Nest’s vice president of finance and grants, presented on behalf of the Emergency Shelter Project. The funds
requested are for help with facility costs. SAFE Nest is the second (2nd) agency with a confidential shelter for domestic violence victims. In a survey of the homeless this year, eight hundred and seventy five (875) homeless persons identified as victims of domestic violence, a five point nine percent (5.9%) increase from the previous year. Seventy seven percent (77%) of homeless domestic violence victims are unsheltered, a three percent (3%) increase, and ten point eight percent (10.8%) of homeless domestic violence victims cite domestic violence as the primary reason for their homelessness, a one point one percent (1.1%) increase. These numbers indicate a specific need for services for this population, services such as counseling, court advocacy, mental health care, housing placement, and employment services, which SAFE Nest provides its clients. SAFE Nest has numerous community partnerships. They work with Clark County’s coordinated entry process as well as Metro. Nevada is consistently among the top ten (10) states where domestic violence victims are at risk of homicide, currently number two (2) in the nation. SAFE Nest has a new project, Project Safe 417, where they go directly to the scene of a domestic violence incident after the officer has responded. Las year, SAFE Nest provided 14,481 bed nights and transitioned eighty five percent (85%) of residents into safe housing, meaning they did not go back to an abuse partner.

Q: Do you have places for males?
A: Yes. We also have transgender clients housed wherever they feel most comfortable.
Q: What agency handles fathers who are domestic violence victims?
A: There isn’t one specifically that aids males because there isn’t enough of a need for one agency to focus on them, but men who come to SAFE Nest receive the same services as the women.
Q: I want to know more about the legality assistance program.
A: About ten (10) years ago SAFE Nest, in conjunction with metro, created a list of questions for metro officers to ask whoever they perceive to be a victim when they respond to a call. If they answer yes to so many questions, the officer calls Safe Nest, and someone from SAFE Nest works over the phone to assist the victim in whatever way they can.
Q: How long have you been in Vegas?
f. **St. Jude’s Ranch for Children – New Crossing Homeless Youth Families (RRH)**  
**Requested Amount: $55,000**

Jed Blake presented on behalf of St. Jude’s Ranch for Children’s New Crossing Homeless Youth Families. St. Jude’s Ranch has given fifty-one (51) years of service to Southern Nevada. The funding requested will go to their rapid rehousing program, $40,000 going directly to the families and $15,000 to case management salaries.

The mission of St. Jude’s Ranch for Children is the ending cycle of abuse and neglect to foster children, which has expanded to include homeless youth ages eighteen to twenty-four (18-24). The Rapid Rehousing program places a family in need within twenty-four to forty-eight (24-48) hours. They working with Clark County’s coordinated intake system, getting a referral, assessing the family’s needs and placing them, then furnishing the apartment with donated goods. St. Jude’s Ranch offers short term rental assistance as well as apartment housing usually located throughout unincorporated Las Vegas where they find the most value for fair market rents that meet HUDs requirements.

The young people coming to St. Jude’s Ranch have barriers such as lack of personal documentation, no transportation, lack of communication with family, lack of internet, and lack of knowledge of services available to them. In the last three (3) years, they’ve seen a growing number of specialty populations, including LBGTQ youths. St. Jude’s Ranch sustains themselves through volunteers, private foundations, corporate sponsorships, generous donations, and non-federal funding.

Q: How are you ensuring youths are who they say they are without documentation?
A: We don’t ask on the first day. We want to make sure the youths are safe and medically stable first, and then we work to assemble the documentation.

Q: Are you allowed to use any in-kind donations, groceries example, for the dollar for dollar match?
A: Yes.

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g. **The Shade Tree – Emergency Shelter: Families, Youth, Victims of Violence (shelter)**  
**Requested Amount: $200,056**
Shawna Brody presented on behalf of The Shade Tree. The funding requested is for their emergency shelter. Currently, due to lack of funding, they do not have the capacity for a twenty-four/seven (24/7) intake, but they would like to be able to be available at any time. They were established in 1990.
The Shade Tree provides forty-nine percent (49%) of all emergency shelter beds that target women and women with children. The provide the most comprehensive array of wrap-around services including transportation, resume building, mock interviews, internet access, a medical clinic, financial assistance, support groups, classes, etc. In 2017, The Shade Tree provided 64,754 bed nights and sheltered 2,852 women, youth, and children.
The Shade Tree differs from other emergency shelters in that it also shelters pets, has an onsite medical clinic, provides clients bus passes and cash assistance to get personal documentation, has a Children’s Activity Center, takes families with teenage boys, and accepts unaccompanied minors.
Q: How long have you been in Vegas?
A: 1990

h. HELP of Southern Nevada – Shannon West Homeless Youth Center (shelter)
Requested Amount: $103,801
Fuilala Riley presented on behalf of HELP of Southern Nevada. The funding requested is for operational costs of the Shannon West Homeless Youth Center, assisting with sixteen shelter beds and both the education and volunteer coordinators. So far in their fiscal year, Shannon West has housed one hundred and forty one (141) youths who can stay in the facility for ninety (90) days. They have six (6) studio apartments available for youth who are transitioning out of the program. The residents have to be “rock stars” to apply for and receive these rooms. They have to be recommended by their case workers because HELP wants them to be ready to succeed.

Q: How long have you been in Vegas?
A; HELP began in 1969 as the Voluntary Action Center through the efforts of the Junior League of Las Vegas and the Senior Citizens Resource Center at UNLV. The agency was incorporated in 1970.

Q: Do the youth pay rent for the Step Up rooms?
A: Yes, youth pay 30 percent of their income. They have a lease. This helps teach them the skills to have their own apartment.

i. **HELP of Southern Nevada – Emergency Resource Services (RRH)**
   **Requested Amount:** $71,500
   Fuilala Riley presented on behalf of HELP of Southern Nevada’s Emergency Resource Services. The primary goal of ERS is to assist households with and without children to recover from their immediate crisis, and through intensive case management improve problem solving and crisis management skills to reduce future crises. The funding requested is for Rapid Rehousing, with the intention of rehousing nine (9) Clark County single parents and intact families.

j. **The Salvation Army – Emergency Shelter (shelter)**
   **Requested Amount:** $200,000
   Elsie Lavonne Lewis presented on behalf of The Salvation Army’s Emergency Shelter. The funding requested will provide emergency overnight shelter for 9100 bed nights, providing shelter to 100 people for 91 nights. The Salvation Army has been providing emergency shelter in Clark County since 1963. Over 6,500 unduplicated homeless people are served annually in the Emergency Shelter. The Emergency Shelter operations and match requirement are supported through contributions, donations and service fees, sales to the public, and private foundation grants.

k. **The Salvation Army – Rapid Rehousing (RRH)**
   **Requested Amount:** $200,000
   Elsie Lavonne Lewis presented on behalf of The Salvation Army. The funding requested will go towards their Rapid Rehousing program. The Salvation Army was able to serve fifty-four (54) households last year, and this added funding would allow them to add fifteen (15) more households. In the previous five (5) years of working with programs to either prevent, and or rapidly rehouse participants, eighty percent (80%) of the participants achieved the goal of remaining permanently housed.

l. **Catholic Charities of So. Nevada – Homeless to Home (RRH)**
   **Requested Amount:** $200,000
Albert Chavez presented on behalf of Catholic Charities. The funding requested will go to their Homeless to Home Program. The Homeless to Home program helps families with dependent children under the age of eighteen (18), who are homeless or those about to be homeless, with support to gain self-sufficiency through employment. Each adult in the household must be willing and able to work a full-time job. Client’s lengths of stay can be up to nine months.

CCSN's Homeless to Home program has been in existence since 2009. In Fiscal Year 16/17, the program assisted fifty-five (55) ESG funded households and one hundred and twenty one (121) total households.

Q: How long have you been in Vegas?
A; Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada began in 1941.

Following the presentations, the group discussed the Corridor of Hope. CDAC members expressed that there needs to be a structured approach to addressing issues of the homeless in that area. CDAC members expressed how it has been a gathering place for the homeless because of services available in the area. The group discussed the Courtyard Project, which is modeled after Haven for Hope in San Antonio and will provide a place for homeless to receive services and offer some space for security.

VI. ZoomGrants Scoring Refresher (Donna Daniels).

Ms. Donna Daniels, Principal Planner, Community Resources Management provided detailed instructions on how to use ZoomGrants.

Ms. Daniels explained that scoring must be done online, but has provided paper templates to be used if necessary for those who do not have adequate internet access. There are three different templates to use, one for NSP funds, one for ESG funds, and one for HOME funds. There is also an option to contact Community Resources Management and come in to the office in order to score on a workstation within the office.

On the HOME scoring, for the final question, whether or not the project is in Clark County, you should enter zero (0) if the project is not in Clark County, or five (5) if the project is within Clark County.

The first deadline is February 23rd, for the paper templates in order to give Community Resources Management time to input the scores.
The second deadline is February 28th for all online scoring.

All instructions and templates can be accessed on the Community Resources Management website. If you need assistance, you can contact Ms. Daniels at donna.daniels@clarkcountynv.gov or 702-455-5025.

VII. Public Comment – At this time, the Committee will hear comments from the public regarding items not listed on the agenda as posted.

Elsie Lavonne Lewis thanked the CDAC members for their commitment to Clark County and their time and attention.

VIII. Adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned.

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
MEMBERS, STAFF, AND GUESTS PRESENT

Marie Nauslar, Member-at-Large (Brager)
Lois Greene, Chairperson/Member-at-Large (Brown)
Luis Zepeda, Member-at-Large (Brown)
Danielle Walliser, Vice Chair/Member-at-Large (Guinchigliani)
Doris Harper, Member-at-Large (Scow)
Eric Hilbrecht, Member-at-Large (Sisolak)
Jacqueline Ingram, Member-at-Large (Weekly)
Vernon W. Pollock, Bunkerville TAB
Martin Knauss, Laughlin TAB
Carol Peck, Lone Mountain CAC
Ann Markle, Moapa Valley TAB
Gene Houston, Moapa Valley TAB
Tanya Harrah, Mountain Springs CAC
Jon Wardlaw, Paradise TAB
Judy Bundorf, Searchlight TAB
Angie Heath Younce, Spring Valley TAB
Paul Thomas, Sunrise Manor TAB
Peter Sarles, Enterprise TAB
Geraldine “Gerry” Ramirez, Whitney TAB
Karen Miller, Whitney TAB
John Delibos, Winchester TAB
David Empey, City of Mesquite
Tracy Lewis, City of North Las Vegas
Jamie Shakespear, Moapa TAB
Anna Clark, Catholic Charities
Jennifer Olsen, Catholic Charities
Christy Shannon, SAFE NEST
Christina Olsen, St. Jude’s
Jed Blake, St. Jude’s
Julie Proctor, (Executive Director) S.A.F.E. House
Arash Ghafoori, NPHY
Charles Watson, Restoration Project
Kevin Quick-Smith, Cross Bridge LLC
Terry Lindeman, (Director) Family Promise
Ryan McDonald, Homeless Services/Salvation Army
Elsie L. Lewis, Salvation Army
Lyndon Benson, Salvation Army
Shelly Torres, Help of So NV
Mindy Torres, Help of So NV
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