

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that a second (2<sup>nd</sup>) meeting of the Local Law Enforcement Advisory Committee has been called and will be held at **8:30AM**, **Tuesday**, **June 27**, **2023**, in the Commission Chambers, First Floor, Clark County Government Center, 500 S. Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas, Nevada to consider the following:

I. Call to Order; notice of agenda conformance with Nevada Open Meeting Law (NRS 228.150) requirements.

Clark County Commissioner Tick Segerblom called the meeting to order.

Note: All items listed on this agenda are for non-action by the Committee unless otherwise noted. Action may consist of any of the following: approve, deny, condition, hold or table.

II. Public Comment – At this time, the Committee will hear comments from the public regarding items not listed on the agenda as posted.\* Comments will be limited to 3 minutes.

There were no public comments.

III. Approval of last year's minutes.

Commissioner McCurdy made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Naft.

IV. Discussion of JAG Withholding for National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) 3 Percent set Requirement (if applicable).

Ms. Emma Garcia, Grant Coordinator described the JAG withholding process from last year when they received the JAG 2022 application. The National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) is usually requested as a 3% set aside from the total of the grant. She stated that last year it was not a requirement and the Board decided not to give the 3% for 2022. Ms. Garcia also discussed briefly that she has not received the application yet for 2023 and they do not know if that again is not going to be a requirement. She wanted to make sure this information was noted, and she will notify the Board.

Commissioner Naft made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner McCurdy.

Staff Overview of Justice Assistance Grant Process for Fiscal Year 2023.

Karen Schneider, Manager of Community Resources Management, gave a brief overview of the Justice Assistance Grant Process for fiscal year 2023 for which Community Resources Management managed the JAG application process. On Monday, May 8, 2023, the pre-application process was opened in ZoomGrants and closed on Thursday, May 18, 2023. On Monday, May 22, 2023, the final application process was open in ZoomGrants and on Monday, June 5, 2023, at 4pm it was closed. A total of thirty-four applications were received. The total amount requested for JAG 2023 is \$5,076,256.00. Last year's total grant allocations were \$840,615. This year's grant actual Allocation amount totals approximately \$900,000.

Emma Garcia provided a brief introduction about the application process from the Department of Justice. The application will close August 8, 2022. Today's LLEAC recommendations will go before the Board of Commissioners for approval on Tuesday, July 18, 2023. She asked LLEAC members to note when making recommendations that 10% of the total allocation is being requested for administrative expenses which total 10% of the grant, or roughly \$90,000. Also, she asked the LLEAC to inform the CRM staff of what program(s) will be receiving the interest income (item 10 on agenda); interest income is earned on the JAG grant. This is item number 10 on today's agenda, interest income is concerned by the JAG grant throughout its four-year lifespan. The interest income earned between during that four-year life lifespan is between \$11,000 and \$13,000.

### VI. Hear FY-2023/2024 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Application Presentations

Emma Garcia, Clark County Community Resources Management, Grants Coordinator, presented the procedures for the applicant presentations. Applicants have three (3) minutes to present their program to the committee members. When one (1) minute is left on the presentation, a one (1) minute buzzer will be sounded. The committee members have five (5) minutes for questions and answers. A one (1) minute buzzer will also be sounded. Commissioner Segerblom asked that the presenters focus on something new they are doing this year, as well as if they were receiving any additional funding from County or the City.

Antioch Community Services We Love Community Amount Requested: \$100,000 Presenter: Naida Parson

Dr. Naida Parson, Director, presented on behalf of Antioch Community Services. The Antioch Community Services were recipients of the JAG Grant from 2022, in which the funds have not yet been released. Dr. Parson shared that the organization has continued with their mission to provide services to the community. She expressed excitement on the Opening of their 2<sup>nd</sup> Community Center this weekend that will serve 89107, 89106 and 89108. The Antioch Community Services currently has the Community Center in the Aliante area where they service North Las Vegas and have plans for another Community Center in the Sunrise Manor area which will come later this year. They will be adding two major programs, the Able Family and Stable Family programs The goal of these programs are to help enhance the lives of those who are in the Community by supporting the agencies that are already in the Community, to contribute to the safety of the Community, provide family counseling for people who are either underserved, tutoring, job training, job opportunities, and provide insurance to those in need as well as except insurance benefits from others.

Q: I think she said that you've received funding in the past, right? But you haven't actually received it yet. One of the problems with these grants is you have to produce receipts and then we pay you back. So you're going to have to hang in there for hopefully not much more over a year.

A: Yes, we stay in contact and are waiting for the funds. So we're asking for another \$100,000, which is what we got last year to continue these two new sites that we're serving the community with.

Arriba Las Vegas Work Center Immigrant Victims Services Amount Requested: \$50,000 Presenter: Bliss Requa-Trautz

Bliss Requa-Trautz presented on behalf of the Arriba Las Vegas Work Center. She briefly gave an overview of how labor violations are prevalent. In fact, wage theft represents 3/4 of theft that happens in the United States, and immigrant workers in particular face barriers to reporting labor violations and faced increased retaliation when they do, and fear immigration consequences. Ms. Requa-Traultz shared her concerns about how immigrant workers make up 22% of Clark County. Ariba, Las Vegas is already working to support immigrant workers to report labor violations and support immigrant workers to participate in all stages of investigation, mediation, and litigation. The Arriba Las Vegas Work Center is requesting \$50,000 to expand the work that they are already doing with victims and witnesses of Labor violations in order to support immigrant workers to apply for our U Visas as victims of crime and T visas as victims of Labor trafficking. This is an expansion of the current services they provide; however, this will be their first-time requesting funds from the JAG program. The Arriba Las Vegas Work Center is also currently receiving ARPA funding from Clark County and actively collaborating with federal and state law enforcement agencies, including U.S. Department of Labor Wage and Hour Division, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and Occupational Safety and Health.

Q: So it's my understanding that the individuals that you are assisting are not legal residents of the United States of America.

A: That's correct, yes.

Q: And they're working now. And just in summary, I read but I'm just trying to understand exactly what you do? You say you are a voice for them in terms of what?

A: And that is our mission. We support immigrant workers who are victims of Labor violations to report those violations and to participate in agency investigations. I'll give an example of a \$3.68 million wage theft case that was recently settled here in Federal District Court with the US Department of Labor where we supported workers to be able to participate by providing declarations and to participate in deposition. and a number of workers are eligible for permanent protections in relation to their status as victims who are collaborating in the investigation. So that is an example of what our services are doing.

Q: They come to you and say I feel like I'm being discriminated against on the job site and you guys do the research, do you do the legal defense for them?

A: Yes, we provide educational services. We have a state and federally funded Occupational Safety and Health training program that helps workers identify safety regulations that apply in job sites, in particular in construction job sites. We have navigation services, we host the federal labor agencies quarterly and sometimes workers report violations from our office, from those settings in other circumstances, we support workers with third party complaints or pro side complaints to be able to identify the violations and report them to the appropriate agency. And we are currently providing limited legal services for workers who have been victims of qualifying crimes and the request is that we bring forward to provide full representation when a worker has collaborated in the investigation and is the victim of qualifying criminal activity.

Q: The ARPA funds that you received were those for a specific programmatic request; was it for the same program or something a little bit different?

A: Related but distinct so it's immigrant and legal navigation services and some of the labor violation reporting is happening under that as are the certifications with U visas which are visas for victims of crime. For example, there's a certification process where the Labor Agency would need to sign off and we're currently providing representation through that stage, and then workers take on the cost of full representation move forward with this grant we hope to be able to cover the full cost of representation.

Awareness Is Prevention Internet Protection of Children Amount Requested: \$190,000 Presenter: Lena Walther

Lena Walther, co-founder of the nonprofit Awareness is Prevention, shared that AIP is now in its 9th year of service. AIP fights human trafficking through training, education, and events, focusing primarily on the sexual exploitation of children. Ms. Walther expressed that most child exploitation started to surface online and social media sites increased their viewing by over 90%. AIP is also working with age verification on social media sites. Ms. Walther expressed that it's imperative that parents and caretakers get informed on what's truly going on in society. AIP this August, 2023, is starting a brand new program together with the Las Vegas Police, Metropolitan Police Department and the Power to Parent Organization, which is working closely with the Clark County School District. Their purpose will be to train parents, caretakers, students, counselors, social workers all over Las Vegas Valley and surrounding areas, and as many people as possible. Ms. Walther again expressed strongly that the public get informed about the truth regarding human trafficking. Currently, AIP has trained thousands of adult teachers, law enforcement students and other NGO's in Nevada, as well as other groups out of state. They have a total of four Department of Justice grants but have no other grants, or no other government grants. AIP is requesting \$190,000 this time to pay for the existing programs, but primarily for the new programs we're starting that they think will be very successful and they are working so closely with Las Vegas Police Department and it's very important.

O: So you have gotten the grant in the past? A: Yes.

Boys & Girls Clubs of So NV SMART Girls & Passport to Manhood Amount Requested: \$48,279 Presenter: Andy Bischel Kayla Langley, Grants Specialist presented on behalf of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Southern Nevada. They are requesting \$48,279 to support their Smart Girls & Passport to Manhood Program. The funding will be used to support their personnel and to purchase necessary program supplies. These programs were developed by Boys and Girls Clubs of America and they aim to guide a select group of youth at risk for negative behaviors and needing additional social emotional learning skills. Smart Girls is a program that promotes health fitness and self-esteem enhancement among girls ages 8 to 18 through a series of engaging activities; they help these young girls develop a positive selfimage and equip them with necessary tools to navigate the challenges they may encounter throughout their lives. Passport to Manhood is a program that promotes and teaches responsibility to club boys ages 8 to 18 through highly interactive activities. It also represents a targeted effort to engage young men in discussion activities that reinforce positive behaviors. They provide at risk youth with social emotional learning programs is very crucial in the communities that we serve, as many of them lack the exposure to opportunities that foster social emotional skill development. These skills include effective communication, teamwork, coping mechanisms, and resilience as protective factors against adverse outcomes. Research consistently shows that social emotional programs have a profound impact on leading to improved academic outcomes, enhanced well-being, Federal relationships and reduced juvenile justice involvement. They have set specific objectives based on pre and post testing that they are planning on doing with the program; these pre and post tests again were developed by Boys and Girls Club of America.

Q: I know there's lots of Boys and Girls Clubs around the valley; will these resources be used in any particular one of those clubs, or how does that work?

A: Yes. So we would be running this program at four of our clubhouses. So that would be our Lied Memorial Clubhouse, Engelstad Clubhouse, Gone Clubhouse and Boulder clubhouse. So kind of split up all around the valley.

Boys and Girls Clubs of the Colorado River Substance Use Prevention for Laughlin Amount Requested: \$50,000 Presenter: Autumn Boyle-Robinson

Autumn Boyle- Robinson presented on behalf of the Boys and Girls Clubs of the Colorado River, which serves the Laughlin NV club. They are in a unique situation where they are situated on what they call the Tri-State, so they are exactly where Arizona, Nevada and California collide. What that means, unfortunately is that those who are addicted to opioids have easy access to doctors in three states and those safeguard systems don't communicate with another because they're across three states. Unfortunately, they have a very large problem there. The Boys and Girls Club of Colorado River is requesting \$50,000 to fund Healthy Habits in our Laughlin NV Club. The unique part of this is hiring a new position, which would be a Healthy Habits Coordinator, which would work strictly with all of our members. Teaching them from the age of five, which is when our programs begin all the way to the age 18, about how to make those healthy habits, how to make those wise decisions, how to deal with situations at home that are going against what is the right decision to make and what's a healthy decision. This position would also work directly with the other agencies in the area, such as the police departments and the hospitals to really coordinate that education so it's an immersive education. We've been serving the area for over 35 years. And they have received funding from the County, not specifically the JAG Grants.

Q: I just want to be clear if you're awarded this grant, the funds would stay at the Spirit Mountain Club in Laughlin. A: Absolutely no, our addicts unfortunately have access to all three states, but the funding for this would stay specifically in Nevada.

Q: I wasn't aware of that the medical databases don't talk to each.

A: No, not across state lines in our area

City of Las Vegas
Performing and Visual Arts Summer Camp for Kids
Amount Requested: \$30,000
Presenter: Steve Ford

Marsha Robinson, presented on behalf of the City of Las Vegas Performing and Visual Arts Center. She gave a brief overview of a study done by the Carnegie Council on Adolescence, and the conclusion was that youth development

really have to be able to site the boldly site, what they do, and to introduce their youth. One of their themes this year "Passing The Torch, Lighting the Future". Ms. Ali Tarquinia shared her testimony on how she benefited by attending the West Las Vegas Arts Center Performing Visual Arts Summer Camp for over 20 years. Ms. Tarquinia began attending the program after the loss of her father; while attending the program she found her voice on how to be a leader and ways to triumph through the arts. Ms. Tarquinia eventually became a Company Manager for the program. She expressed how she began as a youth mentor, an intern, and is now leading the next generation of students coming through the Arts who could really use this funding as they are looking to make them leaders as well as representatives of the Community, especially the 89106 community. The West Las Vegas Arts Center Performing Visual Arts Summer Camp is connected with important Community leaders who have brought their students to the program and look forward to services in the Community.

Q: How many kids do you approximately touch at anyone given time?

A: This year we had 35 students, but we usually have 50 plus and it's because the way the schools ended and how they started back. We wanted the whole 8 weeks during the pandemic, we were short six weeks and we want the whole 8 weeks because we know that works.

Q: How long are the kids there? I know that their experience is rich. But I think for everyone, just give a little bit of a snapshot of you know how long they're there, how much time they put in, and just how much they grow in that time period.

A: Yes. They are there for eight weeks 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM throughout that time Monday through Friday. Throughout that time, they learn a series of arts from dance, theater, drum, theatrical. They're doing videography and photography as well. This year, they're learning sign language, and we have rap rhythm and poetry classes as well. At the end of their eight-week session, they will present a performance over two days to the community, it is a free program for everyone, just so they can come out and see our students. They're magnificent. Now you see, that's why we're passing the torch.

City of Las Vegas - Municipal Court Specialty Court Program Amount Requested: \$231,671 Presenter: Jack Eslinger

Angela Washington, Assistant Court Administrator presented on behalf of the Las Vegas Municipal Court in the absence of Jack Eslinger and expressed his regrets for being unable to attend today. The Las Vegas Municipal Court is requesting \$231,671 from the JAG Grant. The funding will directly support the Las Vegas Municipal Courts seven specialty court programs. They currently make up to 15% of the Court's Specialty. The Municipal Courts are not a recipient of any other County grants; however, they have received ARPA funding through the City of Las Vegas in the past and current JAG funding has been and continues to be utilized for direct services to participants. This includes residential treatment, outpatient counseling, sober living facilities, case management, recovery support services, among other services. There are no salaries or overhead that have been supported with this funding. If they are awarded again their service model will remain consistent. In terms of what's new at the court, they are instituting a validated risk assessment tool and screening process. The Municipal Courts have utilization of the tools will allow them to further tailor their assistance to those they serve. Additionally, they are currently in the process of developing multi track admission and service systems for two of the Specialty Courts, DUI Courts as well as Veterans Court. The multi-track system will further allow them to welcome more participant into the program and it will help them to track higher need from lower need, thus further tailoring their ability to serve participants.

Q: Where are the city ARPA funds specifically for the same program?

A: The city ARPA. Funds support one of the specialty Courts It's a nominal amount that supports our mental health core program.

Q: I think it's important for you to get on the record of what happened to the previous funds that were not utilized. I know there were some definite circumstances that prohibited us from executing on that I think it's important to understand.

A: Absolutely, because our funding directly supports programming for our participants. The court, like many other organizations, found itself in an in a unique position a couple of years ago, when the pandemic was at its height. We were forced to pare down existing services and we had to suspend enrollment for a period of time. We literally closed

the court, which rendered us unable to expend the entirety of past JAG funding. That's no longer the case at this point. We are we've continued to rebuild enrollment numbers over the last few years and have since reached our pre pandemic enrollment numbers.

Clark County Department of Family Services
Parenting Project-Empowering Parents for a Safe, Caring Community
Amount Requested: \$66,676

Presenter: Sarah Beers

Sarah Beers presented on behalf of the Clark County Department of Family Services Parenting Project and was accompanied by Mr. Glenda Bonnett, a facilitator that teaches the program. The Clark County Department of Family Services Parenting Project is requesting \$66,676 for Parent Education Programs through the County for the whole County. They have received JAG funds before, but don't receive any other county funds, but are a County-funded program. All of the programs that are offered through the parenting project are grant-funded. Most of funds besides JAG come from the State and a local coalition, the PACT coalition. They are here to request funding for the continuation and also the expansion of the parenting project parent education programs. They know that good parenting is crucial for children's mental health, for their resistance, and for their overall well-being. Ms. Bonnett stated that she is here because she knows firsthand that the programs make a difference. They are stepping things up this year. A new program called "Nurturing Fathers is a program for dads. They rolled it out this year with some amazing results, especially at Clark County Detention Center. Had some fabulous feedback. They'll also be offering this year a program for parents of children who have experienced anxiety. Now that program they know is necessary post COVID. That program is called Fearless. They are looking forward to that and have an expanded selection of workshops already and those are geared for both elementary parents and also for secondary parents. The goal is to empower parents; they stress the importance of creating a safe, stable and nurturing environment. Their goal is to help them to learn nonviolent ways to manage their children's behavior, and that is guite a sell from a facilitator standpoint. Because many parents engaged are accustomed to spanking, so they just want to say that they've had a proven track record of success. They appreciate their experience with JAG, and hope for continued support of the programs.

No Questions

Clark County Law Foundation Youth Restorative Program-RJ Circles Amount Requested: \$35,000

Presenter: Patrick Montejano

Tracy Hibbetts, President, presented on behalf of the Clark County Law Foundation with the Director, Patrick Montejano. The Clark County Law Foundation is currently a JAG Grant recipient at this time and wants to continue to expand the youth restorative program. They were known for trial by peers and over the years have seen that the change in the way they should discipline or how they treat students in schools. They spent 2022 completely progressing and transitioning the trial by peers program into youth restorative program. Currently they are in the summer course training with 28 pure advocates representing different ZIP codes representing diversity of the community with over half of them women. Also included are Asian API population of African Americans, Latin X as well as Native Americans. This program is supposed to be an alternative to conventional discipline in school. Accountability is also taught, cooperation from the Community partners, administration and the parties involved, whether it be the justice involved, youth as well as the party being harmed. What they have seen is development in maturity and the students. They described a success story with a student who was caught vaping in class during a test. Instead of having her go through the previous conventional trial by peers where she would do community service, write an apology letter, would sit through a restorative justice circle group with counseling and have her talk about what is the issue at heart that caused her to be vaping in class, which is anxiety. They offered her alternative methods of how to accommodate the stress that she experienced. They are trying to use this money to expand the circles and educate community; restorative justice circle is something that is different than what the government or other the news has reported to be.

Q: I think you have a different role for the County? A: Yes, I currently work for the District Attorney Office. Clark County School District CCSD Emergency Management Training Amount Requested: \$18,200

Presenter: Alison Stamm

Lieutenant Hewitt presented on behalf of Clark County School District CCSD Emergency Management Training. The Clark County School District Police Department is requesting \$18,200 from the JAG Grant. The funding will reduce weapons related crime on campus and improve school safety through the purchase of utilization of weapons detection systems, mobile surveillance trailers, and active assailant training supplies. The purpose for the equipment supplies will be utilized to support of basic law enforcement functions. The Clark County School is the largest district in the state and also the 5th largest school district in the nation. They are operating 362 schools and serving approximately 300,000 students on a daily basis. The CCSD employ 40,000 staff members making it the largest employer in the State. With such a significant share of Nevada's students and staff, investing in safety at CCSD schools is imperative. Violent crime is a consistent threat throughout the communities in which CCSD schools are located. Over the past two years, the Clark County School District Police Department has responded to all types of incidents. During last school year, they recovered 32 handguns from within school walls, 38 pneumatic guns, one long gun, 204 knives, and 56 other weapons confiscated. It is imperative that every effort is made to support the mitigation of weapons related crime and active shooter incidents, incidents to the scale of Uvalde, TX and most recently Nashville, TN. The first proposed measures are a weapons detection system that can be placed at school entry points and district events. Unlike traditional metal detectors, as individuals walk through, it captures photographs and circles any metal or large masses of metal in pockets electronically. The 2nd preventative measure consists of mobile surveillance trailers equipped with cameras that can be deployed to our hotspots or spots where we're having gun violence or threats of gun violence to monitor the areas and add a layer of deterrence. Lastly, for decades, the school district Police Department has steadily engaged in active assailant simulations, training using airsoft pistols. Unfortunately, due to the age of the of this equipment, many of the pistols are in disrepair. Simulation firearms will enhance training, ultimately creating a positive impact on school safety and our response active assailant instance.

Q: You're asking for a lot of money, including \$370,000; what is your current budget and how do you feel as though this amount of money with the amount of money that the Clark County School District has? I mean, how much has CCSD allotted to you all for this?

A: Right. We asked for our budget to be raised yearly from what I understand it's about \$45,000,000 and a lot of that goes towards salary and benefits. However, for the equipment that we do purchase, there isn't an allotted portion of the budget that we use wisely, but it's for everything mandatory that has to be purchased yearly. So this is extra to enhance our training and enhance school safety. So this \$370,000 can't come from our budget now because we use it for our recurring purchases on a yearly basis.

Q: In the same vein we have very limited funds and this is an ask for a large portion of that. How much does one surveillance trailer cost?

A: I'm not sure that we can get that information to you. Unfortunately. I'm filling in today. I don't have the numbers of the surveillance trailers. I know that everything was taken into account and added up to about that amount. If we don't receive that award, unfortunately, we will buy less of each. We won't go without buying one of or the other. I

Q: Yeah, my thought is that the ask is real big and we're going to have to limit everybody and at some point I'd like to know and understand. Itemized if we give you \$100,000 what we get for 100,000?

A: Absolutely I can get that information. Of course, I don't have those exact numbers.

Desert Reign, Inc.

Desert Reign Social Emotional Learning (SEL) Education Outreach Program

Amount Requested: \$38,445

Presenter: Bjorn Berg

Bjorn Berg, Director presented on behalf of Desert Reign, Inc. Mr. Berg has been an educator for 18 years in the Clark County School District. They are presenting on behalf of the Desert Reign Social Emotional Learning Program and go by SWAG for short, Students Who Achieve Greatness. Mr. Berg was accompanied by Miss Galloway, who's currently

an Administrator in the Clark County School District and one of the individuals who administers the program at one of the sites. Jamie Galloway, Assistant Principal for CCSD, gave a brief summary about the program. She was the assistant principal at May Elementary, where she implemented the SWAG program, Students Who Achieved Greatness, for third, fourth and fifth grade students. There focus and vision was to create a sense of belonging and community for students in need of additional emotional support and provide them with memorable academic experiences. Their social and emotional lessons provided students with coping skills and tools to manage their feelings and develop leadership skills. It was important to ensure the emotional needs of our students were met so they could have greater success academically. The SWAG program has been successful at helping students build positive relationships with their peers and staff members and reducing behavior referrals. She brought a ten-year-old fifth grade student named Dallas to share his experience in the SWAG Program. He went on to share that he has been part of the SWAG team since 3rd grade. Dallas continued to express how SWAG has taught him a lot throughout the years. For example, it's helped him boost confidence and professionalism in most aspects of his life basketball being one of them. As he travels nationally for Adidas, his etiquettes have improved with daily house chores and tasks he has also had the opportunities to meet so many role models figures such as CJ Watson.

#### No Questions

Faith Wellness Services Inc. Behavioral and Crisis Intervention Amount Requested: \$100,000 Presenter: Brenda Chaney

Brenda Chaney, Executive Director presented on behalf of Faith Wellness Services Incorporated. They provide education and resources to the Community. Today she celebrates the third-year anniversary of her mother's death. Ms. Chaney expressed that she could only be able to function in that capacity to accept that because of the supportive services of behavioral health. The Faith Wellness Service Inc provides services in trauma, crisis, trauma, depression, anxiety. Ms. Chaney is requesting \$100,000 that will assist in providing services to the community. They provide a mobile full recovery service and are introducing that they've already initiated it and have been successful in getting people to address the stigma of getting behavioral health through supportive services of peer support and recovery coaching.

No Questions

Family and Child Treatment of So NV, Inc. FACT Mental Health Programs Amount Requested: \$120,000 Presenter: Heather Campa

Carissa Garr, Clinical Director of Family and Child Treatment, Southern Nevada for Executive Director Heather Campa, who couldn't be here today as she started chemo treatment yesterday. Ms. Garr was accompanied by Liliana Rokey, Licensed Clinical Social Worker and Therapist at FACT. They have received JAG funding before. The JAG funding allows the FACT program to provide teen crisis intervention program at no cost to clients. They provide individual, family, and group services free of charge for commercially sexually exploited children and teens through age 25. The FACT program does not age out clients they continue to provide services if they are in need. The grant funding allows FACT to provide long term therapy services beyond what normal insurance companies would allow. They don't put limits or caps on how long they need help. If they want help and they want to continue to work and improve their mental health, assistance continues to be provided. The FACT therapists are Certified Clinical Trauma Specialists and trained in MDR, and work to stay on the forefront of trauma recovery and treatment, and worked diligently to partner with other programs in the community to provide those therapy services whenever they are needed.

Q: So how are people referred to you? How do you get your clients?

A: In any number of ways. One of our partners we work with is the Embracing Project and we get clients from them. We also work with programs, victims of crime. Sometimes they're self-referred, sometimes they're referred through crime, DFS or it used to be probation, but with the decriminalization there's not so many through probation, but kind of

however they come. It's literally just call us and we'll get you in and we're well known in the community for specializing in trauma treatment, so we get a lot of referrals from people who don't specialize in that field. A lot of other community therapists, because we're specialized in that complex trauma in particular.

Q: You have clinicians on staff I presume correct. I just want to ensure everybody on staff are clinicians.

A: Yes, we're both Licensed Clinical Social Workers, Mental Health professionals. We're both Certified Clinical Trauma Professionals.

Heroes & Heart

STEM Days: Robotics, Bricks & Kicks

Amount Requested: \$78,855 Presenter: Racquel Watson

Justin Boomer, CEO and Founder presented on behalf nonprofit Heroes and Hearts. The Heroes to Hearts Program is requesting \$78,855 to expand STEM day's robotics bricks and kicks program to create jobs and serve more kids. The program was created to bring relationship between law enforcement and community in a fun and exciting way. Through this program, kids build robots, Legos, and make soccer balls out of recycled materials. With friends at police departments, Armored Division detectives showed their robots and interact with the kids in a non-threatening way. The STEM Days Program has helped to form positive relationships and communities, such as the historic Westside and the rural community of Indian Springs. This is their first JAG Grant, but they have been funded through the City of Las Vegas and also Kiwanis, and recently got funded through Verizon. He was accompanied by his mother Raquel Watson which is the Executive Director for Heroes and Hearts.

No Questions

Iron Sharpens Iron Mentoring, Inc.

Evidence-Based Mentoring for Youth Involved or At-Risk of Involvement in the Juvenile Justice System

Amount Requested: \$50,000 Presenter: John Williams Jr.

Camilla Williams, Program Coordinator presented on behalf of Iron Sharpens Iron Mentoring program in the absence of Executive Director, Coach John Williams. The program has been in the Valley for about five years. Ms. William shared a story on how the Iron Sharpens Iron Mentoring program was started in a church, with three Veterans at Denny's wanting to do something in the Valley for the children. After much discussion they came up with a mentoring program, Iron Sharpens Iron. They are requesting \$50,000 which will be their second JAG Grant. They have currently provided 650 Youth Services for mentoring, including their parents. Some of their partners are with the Diversion Court, Clark County School District, and the Harbor Assessment Center. Ms. Williams shared that if they receive these grant funds, they will of course continue their program and would serve an additional 100 youth over the next year. The Iron Sharpens Iron Mentoring Program has started a new audio program teaching the youth how to use audio equipment and video equipment as well. They also have started a chess club, not only a chess club that plays the youth within a program, but it is a competitive chess club.

Q: Could you describe or tell us when your last JAG Grant was received? If you drew it down, was the funds from that used successfully?

A: We were awarded last year, but we haven't received the funding yet.

Las Vegas Justice Court

Recidivism Reduction Through Substance Abuse Treatment

Amount Requested: \$80,000

Presenter: Jessica Gurley/Betsy Avila

Jessica Gurley, Court Administrator presented on behalf of the Las Vegas Justice Court. They are requesting \$80,000 to fund Drug Court, to provide Drug Testing and Electronic Monitoring for their DUI Treatment Court defendants. This grant would allow the Court to provide electronic monitoring for at least 24 participants. It also will provide randomized drug testing at a minimum of two+ times per week for these same 24 participants. The DUI Treatment Court addresses

addiction and substance use disorders for defendants who have multiple DUI arrests. Ms. Gurley shared that one of the greatest challenges for the court is funding the significant cost of providing treatment and case management services to support substance abuse treatment and rehabilitation. Providing electronic monitoring and random drug testing is beneficial to the defendant and is equally important to the public at large. Electronic monitoring ensures the defendant stays compliant with judicial restrictions. Randomized drug testing holds the defendant accountable to their sobriety while engaging in court-ordered substance use treatment. Utilizing this funding for electronic monitoring and randomizing drug testing is cost effective and more so than placing these low-level defendants in jail and provides a long-term solution for the defendants and the community. The court has also received JAG funding in the past for Veterans Treatment Court; however, they have not yet received those funds. They do not have any other federal pass-through grants through the County nor anything from the City.

Q: Currently if I'm assigned to your court, but I don't have the funds to pay for these monitors, does that mean I can't participate in the program? Is it something where the individual who's charged has to pay for it unless we can do something like this grant?

A: Currently what we do is we pull from other treatment modalities. We have to prioritize what needs that the participants have. If we pull from other, the funding that would support other needs, maybe even other court like our drug treatment, our veterans court, just to make sure we can support this population then that population is missing out. So what the court is really doing is we are actively and always pursuing any federal state pass through funding that can support this population, as you know, it's very consistent in our community and something that the Court is really trying to is commit to trying to help stop the recidivism of the DUI.

Q: How do you select or what is the criteria that that one has to meet in order to be able to receive? I mean if we're offering the funds, this will be no cost for the electronic monitoring system and the second part of that question is how many people are you seeing who cannot afford essentially be free on this monitoring system?

A: Most of our treatment participants are either indigent or in the lower income category where they would not be able to provide the electronic monitoring.

Q: The client who meets the criteria gets selected?

A: Yes, we use a screening tool to make sure that they're ready for services; it needs to be their second or third DUI and they need to be ready for treatment.

Q: And how many individuals are you seeing that we are not meeting the need for based upon their economic status? A: I would say an annual basis 85% so we are pretty much funding service for a lot of people.

Little Lucy's Child Care Inc. RU4REAL Program

Amount Requested: \$100,000 Presenter: Ylonda Dickerson

Ylonda Dickerson, Founder, presented on behalf of Valley View Community cares DBA Little Lucy's Childcare. Currently the Little Lucy's Child Care Inc. has received funding from the County through the Outside Agency Grant. This year will be their first application they have requested form the JAG Grant. Ms. Dickerson shared that for 22 years, their organization has been providing extremely at risk youth who have not been able to receive or limited support and services by any other agency. They have worked with the probation officers, North Las Vegas Police and Petro Police with community officers. They are requesting \$100,000 from the JAG Grant to provide a comprehensive program to provide youth who are being detained with more programs to help them to enter into society as productive citizens. They have also worked with children that have come out of the system of human trafficking, homeless youth, and the main concern is youth with weapons and the youth that have participated in criminal activity. The purpose for the funds would be to help make a change and reduce crime in the valley.

Q: OG grant that you qualified for. Have you received that? Have you spent it down? Has it been successfully used? A: Yes

Mesquite Police Department Active Shooter School Door Breaching System Amount Requested: \$9,855

Presenter: Kim Otero

The Mesquite Police Department is requesting approximately \$9,855 for a kinetic breaching tool that will help with active assailants and breaching school doors and the doors at the hospital if needed. It operates off 45 caliber handgun blanks and the only expense attributed in the future with this would be the purchase of those cartridges. It weighs 28 pounds, so it can be managed by a single officer. It will bridge the doors, it will breach through the walls. Ms. Otero was joined by Deputy Chief Quinn Averett who could explain the commitment that they have to the local schools. He explained that in Mesquite there are three schools within the city limits. A High School, a Middle School and an Elementary school. Deputy Averttt shared that just outside the city limits in Bunkerville, they also have an Elementary School which they respond to on emergencies and assist with Las Vegas Metro Department. This Clark County School district they fund for one school resource officer at the high school. The city on their own has come up with the funds to fund two more full time school resource officers. They have a full time officer at the middle school and which kind of is a first around here; they have a full time SRO at the elementary school. They are committed to students and their safety. The ripple effect that causes having these school resource officers with these children at a young age is going to be magnificent. They have been working with the Clark County School District emergency manager and the high school principal. There are fire rated doors to schools and there is currently no mechanism, any tools that will reach those doors in an active assailant situation. This allows one piece of equipment that will break the fire rated doors at a high rate and high speed that will be useful at any of the four schools in the area.

Q: More specifically, can you talk about the actual device and how it operates? Is there a CO2 charge or anything like that?

A: It works off of basically a blank cartridge that creates, you set it there right on the door area and the door knob area in case a blast which breaks through that that deadbolt that, that mechanism that the bolt mechanism itself and allows the door just to swing open.

Q: The school district does not have one of these, but they don't have the ability. It's not obviously based in Mesquite. So if they were, the thing, if you needed to have one, you'd have to have them drive 100 miles to to bring- kind of defeats the purpose.

Nevada Child Seekers Missing Child Case Management/Victim Advocacy Program Amount Requested: \$100,000 Presenter: Margarita Edwards

Dave Clark presented on behalf of Nevada Child Seekers, Mr. Clark shared a testimonial from a parent. The parent shared that their fourteen-year-old went missing this March and he was a complete wreck, but the care NCS showed his was out of this world. He emailed them about the situation, and someone got back to him within an hour. The Nevada Child Seekers staff was so helpful and kind and understanding, and even after he was found, they checked on the family. They're an extremely vital part of finding and returning these kids back to their loved ones. Mr. Clark shared that this message was from a mother who in less than 36 hours was helped to locate her stepson who was sleeping behind a park trash bin. They connected the family with counseling afterwards. A parent's anguished plea for help runaway foster youth feeling abandoned, these populations may feel neglected, but as the case above demonstrates, NCS is the only state organization able to offer immediate aid as they regularly rescue youth from the clutches of trafficking in street life. In the wake of the pandemic, and with the proliferation of online parables our children are more vulnerable than ever. In fact, missing child reports have soared more than 30% in Nevada during the past year. And law enforcement and the Department of Family Services have continued to refer cases to NCS on an ever expanding rate. The JAG Grant funds will help the program support manage the overall deluge of missing child cases, which rocketed from 365 in 2020 to 536 last year. Unfortunately the NCS caseload has swelled with an inordinate number of foster youth, climbing to 57% of cases in 2022. To combat this phenomenon, NCS launched a new initiative with DFS to better monitor over 275 habitual foster youth runways, while connecting them to specialized counseling. Their efforts are yielding heartening results, reducing recidivism by 25%. Overall in 2022 they've resolved 93% of the total 536 missing child cases. With continued heartfelt support, they are prepared to meet the community's intensifying demand for life saving services.

No Questions

Permanency Permanency

Amount Requested: \$400,000 Presenter: Samara Adams

Samara Adams, Founder, presented on behalf of Permanency. They were founded in 2021. The Permanency Program is requesting \$400,000 for funding to provide mental health services for my program. Children who experience homelessness have a significantly higher rate of emotional behavior and self-esteem issues. Many have been victims of sexual assaults, unplanned pregnancies, and these youth are left to fend for themselves each year and have an increased risk of involvement in the criminal justice system. Through participating in criminal activities, prostitution, and substance abuse, and for some suicide. According to nokidsinprison.org, the state of Nevada, the cost of replacing homeless youth in the criminal justice system for just one year is around \$124,000, a burden to be paid for by the taxpayers. This is significantly more than the cost of around \$12,000 to provide one of these youth a safe home to live. According to Samsha, the trauma of homelessness, even short term, can cause major effects on the youth's future development due to these youth being out of school and out of work and unable to acquire knowledge and skills needed to successfully re-enter into society. Without the help of organizations like Permanency, Women of Strength that also provides safe, comfortable, and supportive homes for young mothers to learn to care for their children and themselves, intergenerational homelessness will continue to ruin generations of families and continue the vicious cycle of poverty. Ms. Adams shared that she is also a product of teen pregnancy that's why she is very passionate about the cause because she was also one of these teens and had a child as a teenager to become legally emancipated.

Q: You're asking for a lot of money, number one. What is your overall budget that you are operating off of and for this amount of money to service 12 young mothers. How is this sustained? Also, so you're going to get one time funding for this and is your goal to come back here and get another \$400,000 every year? What's the overall plan?

A: No, I wouldn't do that. I if I was able to, then I would. But of course there's other grants, loans, foundations, and private donors and other family foundations that I'm always seeking to find resources from because right now I'm just doing this on my own and with this funding I would be able to serve more young mothers and their twelve young infants. So it's not just them, it's their children as well.

Q:Right. So for right now though, your overall budget, your annual budget is what I'm trying to understand, a percentage of what your current budget is, your operating budget is to what we are looking what you're seeking to understand, the sustainability of your program.

A: I'm in order for me to sustain the program Is that what you're asking me?

Q: I want to understand. Do you know what your overall budget is that you operate off every year cause right now you are servicing individuals currently?.

A: Yes.

Q: Individuals now, right? Yeah. So what do you what do you spend a year? Half \$1,000,000, a million dollars?

A: No, this is something I'm doing out of my own pocket out of my own home. So I'm asking for this money so that I can help more young ladies. Last year I was able to help 8 women.

Q: And you're paying for that out of your pocket. Any idea how much you spent?

A: Monthly Approx \$3000. This is my own money coming from my job that I have in the

Q:. So you're taking so in other words, I mean this money would be the core of funding for your for your nonprofit organization.

A: correct, to get me started to be able to help more young ladies and as usual, I'm always looking for other sources of funding. I've gotten a few grants from Walmart, Kroger, and other places as well.

REAL Project REAL

Amount Requested: \$150,000 Presenter: Tom Kovach

Tom Kovac, Executive Director, presented on behalf of Project REAL He was joined by Mike Kamer, and Kimberly Mangaro. The Project REAL program has been a recipient of a number of years of JAG Grants. Mr. Kovach explained that every year they have spent down the monies the JAG Grants have given them and every year they have used that

funding to provide innovative programming. He shared that over the years since 2009, more than 100,000 Clark County students have been served by that funding, and that's part of the over 215,000 students who have been served by Project Real since the founding. Mr. Kovach gave an example of the innovation that they've done recently as a preventive program for dating violence that they've done in partnership with Safe House. It's a program that has recently been recognized by the National Domestic Violence Hotline. Innovation requires evaluation and they are proud that they do surveys of all the participants and at least 80% of participants every year say that they will somewhat or significantly increase and improve their behavior because of Project REAL experience. He gave some examples in districts and wards this past year of Innovation and Impact in District E they served 2247 students for 11,000 hours of service, 80% were served by their New Program including our new Teen Law Guide. In District A, they served 646 students for 2500 total hours of service, 60% were served by a new program in there School Wide mock trial program. In District D they served 4045 students, 8000 hours overall service and 97% were served by new program Domestic Violence Prevention.

Q: Could you just bring us up to speed on the current partnership with the school district? Is that still strong? Are there issues we need to be aware of that, that partnership I think is pretty critical to the funding.

A:We had a small hiccup, but it was just a matter of logistics. We got them some books they thought they were going to be able to get them out to some high schools. But they're willing to use those next year. We're working right now to actually get those books out this summer so that we can get some of the missed students for the senior class, for our teen law project. But we're really looking forward now that that ball is rolling and we can get them those books early or as soon as we can print. We can serve 40% of high school seniors in the District for their Teen Law program each year.

Q: So we should have no reason to think that is a signal that the districts partnership is weakening, we can still rely on?

A: No, It's immensely stronger because of this. You might recall in the past we weren't even getting a response. This year we did get a response and that allowed 1400 books to be distributed around graduation with some more advanced notice of their participation. Next year, we plan to distribute 15,000 books around graduate. An introduction was made when we did the sign lighting change in February 14 dating violence, and that relationship is what helped make this thing possible.

Q: You gave a brief snapshot into the breakdown of, you know, your service and the different Commission districts. And I believe if I heard right, District D, which is the district that I represent, was the highest. I'm interested to know what is the follow up that you're doing with the initial contact that you're making with the students and what is the recidivism rate of them coming back before you and how are we able to measure the real impact that we're making over the time that we're able to track our initial contact point?

A: We are explaining JAG funding we use for innovation. The Teen Law Project is a new program in which we're currently working, and it wouldn't be appropriate for this grant to get funding to do a multi-year study of students after they've received these teen law guides. We give them to them their Senior year. What I can tell you in personal testimony can only go so far. But when we handed these out at Rancho at first, the first time we got them last May, I had students setting them down on the ground, putting them on the table ignoring them. My heart was breaking. I put six years into making this 190-page guide, and then they started flipping through it and it looked like we paid them like there you had a group of students pointing out the book in excitement. The students were very pleased at the information provided to them through the New Teen Law Guide book. After reading the book the students realized that this material would give them information on how to pay their bills.

Regener8tive Regener8tive Justice Reform Amount Requested: \$550,230 Presenter: Rosalie Bingham

Rosalie Bingham, Founder of Regener8tive, presented on behalf of the Regener8tive Justice Reform Program. Ms. Bingham shared how she was taught by four generations of old school Nevadans including a few family members on the Wild, Wild West approach of solving a solution. She focused on how to do things differently when things aren't working, and best if we can actually simultaneously solve two big problems at the exact same time. She went on to share on the courage and innovation to help the greater good. Ms. Bingham also expressed her concern that she believes we all can agree that something isn't working because of all of the serious social issues involving addiction

and affordable housing as these issues continue to get worse. In, 2022, they assisted disabled Veterans to recover from their trauma from serving our nation and also addressed affordable housing crisis at the exact same time. As a result, she was excited to report the pilot program was successful, and they actually generated revenue to showcase sustainable nonprofits and not be dependent on donations all the time. The JAG grant will help Regener8tive Justice Reform Program continue their operations and reduce the load of Veterans who have slipped into drug addictions and ultimately end up in Drug Court. By offering purpose and ownership to improve economies, environments, and emotions, they will help 1000 people with various problems. They have in dialogue with UNLV and CSN to scale up the proven IT and construction skill sets to mainstream with curriculum instructors and manufacturing teaching many how to build highly sustainable housing and structures. While offering an easy access through First Persons Care Clinic who is also on in an alliance team with transformational holistic mental health services. Their ability to combine these protocols will reduce debilitating dependencies, violent crime by 23.3% and recidivism. Their organization wants to give the leadership first rights of refusal to accept or accept the community healing from an accelerated from the inside out so wounds can turn into wisdom.

#### No Questions

Solution of Change Youth and Families Mental Wellness Project

Amount Requested: \$58,617 Presenter: Dinisha Mingo

Lakeisha Oliver, Deputy Director, presented on behalf of Solutions of Change. Solutions of Change is a nonprofit organization that provides therapy services to those who are uninsured, underinsured, and undocumented. Their primary goal is always to meet the need, so they do that for individuals, families, couples, but specifically for youth and families. Ms. Oliver shared that they have several programs. One is a Youth Wellness summit and this year they had the second annual. During that youth summit, they recognized that there was a need specifically for individuals who are living in Group homes. There were some behavioral issues and some things recognized that needed interventions and probably not just intervention, also preventative measures and information. Their goal with this is to provide a separate but equal use summit for those who are engaged in the justice system for their, for the individuals and for their family. They organization has recognized that there is definitely a gap when it comes to the information and interventions that people need when they are in the justice system and their goal is to provide those in a way that encourages them to utilize the resources that are available for them and to remove themselves from the justice system. They have had some successful interventions and the goal is just to expand our reach and continue those interventions.

## No Questions

The Embracing Project ROP/TEP

Amount Requested: \$46,712 Presenter: Makaya Swain

Kaylee Schwartz, Program Manager, presented on behalf of The Embracing Project. They serve youth victims of sex trafficking, sexual exploitation and sexual violence, ages 12 to 21. Last year, in total, The Embracing Project served 279 youth and 148 youth specifically in the sexual exploitation program. The services that they offer to the youth include a Monday through Saturday drop-in center where they can come to get food to meet with their advocate and to get support. They also offer intensive case management services, so this includes employment support, educational support, any medical appointments that they need help with and other needs that they have. They offer behavioral skills as well as individual and family therapy, and then also partner with CCSD adult education so they can attend school at The Embracing Project, catch up on their credits, or get their GED. The Embracing Project also accompanies clients to court and provide resources for them, such as crisis intervention, and then just overall support. Currently, they have included updates they are working on developing life skills groups for them, including sexual education classes, as well as a group specifically for commercially sexually exploited youth so they can come together with their shared experiences and get support from one another.

Q: Is, your drop-in center located on the Charleston address?

A: Yes.

Q: Have you received grants in the past for us?

A: Yes, we have in the past.

Q: Is this specific request for something different you're doing?

A: No, it's just for requests of the continued services. And then, like I said, expanding to those life skills groups, sexual education classes, and then a group for the youth to kind of come together.

The Good Deed Project INSPIRINGHope: Cops + Kids Amount Requested: \$75,000 Presenter: Mandy Telleria

Mandy Telleria, CEO, presented on behalf of the Las Vegas Chapter of the Good Deed Project. They are also expanding into Northern Nevada. The Good Deed Project is currently offering home services for the Las Vegas Community. They also do home repairs, home renovations, furniture donations, emergency supplies, and home goods. The population they assist are those transitioning from homelessness or from a dangerous situation such as domestic violence. Ms. Telleria shared that they have worked with Clark County in terms of Outside Agency Grant funds, which has been very successful. The last cycle was their first time they have just received another grant cycle for this coming year .She expressed how they have expanded the services that have already been proven, and to have a very positive impact in the Community. They are one of the only organizations that are able to provide the extensive renovation services that they offer. They provide these services through the community partners that are in architecture and construction and students as well. The program that they are proposing is to expand their home services for the homeless community. They have put together home starter kits and they'd like to bring the youth into this project along with law enforcement and create a leadership/educational program that is hands on and putting the kids together. It will allow the children to engage in the project to give them a sense of value. And leadership skills knowing that they're helping the community. They are also currently a part of the UNLV Technology building and so they'd like to also include if, there enough resources are there, include them into STEM programs that are part of the UNLV building as well.

Q: You mentioned the OAG grant last time I looked, you hadn't spent down the first allocation that I supported have you since. Was there an issue there?

A: There was an issue in receiving the funds not on our end, but there was some sort of time or some sort of delay issue in I'm not sure.

Q: Came out of my allocation of OAG funds and it went unspent, which meant it didn't go to somebody who needed it. A: So now that they were, they were spent once all the roadblocks were pulled away. Not on our end. And I can give you specifics on that.

Q: I'll ask for an update and then just so I understand the mission of the organization, because that was for home repair,

A: Yes, so we do home repair, home, larger home renovations that include, a disability retrofits.

Q: This grant applications is for?

A: This part of our home services is we offer home starter kits that have kitchen goods, cleaning supplies and that and that started because we are delivering furniture to people that were starting with nothing and so then they were asking for other home supplies and that's not something that we supplied. Often kids are homeless individual, so this is an extension of that so we then want to bring youth into this and helping like construct those home. Those home good kids because we've had very successful service days and bringing youth into our volunteer days.

The Immigration Home Foundation IHF Human Trafficking Program Amount Requested: \$30,000 Presenter: Luz Marina Mosquera

Jeanette presented on behalf of the Immigrant Home Foundation. The Immigrant Home Foundation is requesting \$30,000 from the JAG Grant.to create a visa program to assist migrants who are vulnerable to human trafficking and

reporting and applying for immigration relief. Their goal of the project is to inform the community what trafficking is, assist survivors of trafficking who are eligible, report human trafficking to authorities, and apply for immigration relief with the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services. This program will focus on assisting survivors in applying for two visas. The intended participants of the program are undocumented survivors of human trafficking. The visa program is a humanitarian relief available to survivors of severe human trafficking who report their perpetrators and assist in the investigation or prosecution of the crime. If granted, it is a pathway to apply for legal permit status. The program will address the human trafficking issue, the state of Nevada is facing. Specifically, target migrants who do not report because of fear of their immigration status and assist migrants in reporting human trafficking. Nevada has a very serious human trafficking problem, according to the human trafficking statistics by World Population Review, Nevada ranks 3rd for human trafficking and according to the Bureau of Justice. 63% of labor trafficking victims are Hispanic. Furthermore, according to the US Department of State, migrants are listed as one of the most at risk population. The program will assist survivors and seeking help in a language that they understand. Furthermore, we will assist survivors in reporting to law enforcement to reduce the fear and victims of human trafficking. The Immigrant Home Foundation is located at the heart of the Latino community and has been an organization the community has been coming to for many years. In the past, we have assisted nearly 4000 victims with their UV sub process and because of this we often get referred people for visa assistance. Unfortunately, we don't have funding for assistance at this time and that's why we are requesting the JAG funding. Ms. Jeannette expressed that to their knowledge there are other organizations in Las Vegas that help in applying for visas. However, the need outweighs what is currently available. With their thirteen years of working with survivors of trauma, they believe they can achieve this goal.

Q: Do you have lawyers that volunteer lawyers or something to help with those visas?

A: Yes, we currently have one on staff attorney and three pro bono attorneys, and the funds requested are in fact to hire a lawyer to oversee the entire program.

The LGBTQ+ Center of So Nevada Center Advocacy Network Amount Requested: \$75,000 Presenter: John Waldron

Holly Reese, Director, presented in the absence of John Waldon for the Community Support services at the LGBTQ Center of Southern Nevada. Ms. Reese informed the committee that they have received JAG and Outside Agency funds in the in the past. They have spent down all of their funds current to date. They have also started several new programs with JAG funds including CAN, Center Advocacy Network. The LGBTQ+ Center of So Nevada is requesting \$75,000 to fund this program. The Center Advocacy Network, trains victims advocates to be able to serve underserved population. She expressed that they serve more than just the LGBTQ IA plus community, but also people of color, people that speak other languages, and anyone who is afraid to be able to report and to access the systems that are in place for victims and survivors of crime. Their advocates are trained to be able to meet them in a trauma informed way and provide these advocacy services and referrals as well as well as emergency funding, what they are asking for this time. The purpose for the JAG funds this time is for training dollars so that they can continue to be able to provide the victims advocacy services of as VOCA funds have been cut this year. Ms. Reese shared that they also want to create New Community trainings to where they are reaching out to the community. They want to provide guarterly trainings to be able to have more discussions about how the criminal process works in terms of accessing VOC, in terms of understanding what healthy relationship is and in terms of being able to recognize the services that are available at the Center, In addition to training the other, continuing to train the other direct service providers in to overcome gaps and barriers for our community.

Q: The people you're training, will they be volunteers that work out of the Center?

A: Yes, as of today, we've been doing that training for over 8 years. We have trained over 250 victims, and volunteers. That training is certified by Nova and the NAACP, which is the national advocacy credentialing Program so the advocates that are coming through our training are able to be credentialed and recognized on a national basis and it's an internal expense to them.

The Police Athletic League, Inc.
PAL Neighborhood Tennis Academy
Amount Requested: \$40,000

Presenter: Daniel Barry/Allison Barry

Daniel Barry, President, presented on behalf of the Southern Nevada Police Athletic League. Mr. Barry briefly shared his background; he is a retired police captain in 2010. He also expressed his excitement to be here today and how thankful he is due to all the assistance the JAG funds have been beneficial in helping the children in PAL Neighborhood Tennis Academy. The Southern Nevada Police Athletic League was created in 1996 by then Sheriff Keller in this tenant neighborhood tennis program. They were talking about today has been the existence of 2011 and we have received JAG grant funding in the past and they are very appreciative. Mr. Barry gave an example of student successes after attending program. A young lady by the name of Desiree Black will be receiving a full scholarship to Winston Salem, State University this fall because of attending the program. They have many other young people that have gotten scholarships over the past couple of years to various Universities. Although tennis is a sport they teach he stated that it's considered to be only the carrot. The most important things we teach young people is the value being good citizens and giving back to the community. He shared that this past year the program is very excited about working with Three Square to do food distributions currently at the Middle School and also Door Street Elementary School every month. They need all PAL's to join them to give back to the community to provide food to those less fortunate. The PAL staff just returned back this past Saturday from Washington, DC at the National News summit, where they were able to take 19 young people from low-income areas back to Potomac to Cedar to visit the Senators and Congress people.

# NO questions

The Shade Tree, Inc.
Victims' Services Program
Amount Requested: \$300,000
Presenter: Linda Perez

Linda Perez, CEO, presented on behalf of The Shade Tree with the help of Isaiah, Director of programs and client services for The Shade Tree. Their mission is to serve domestic violence, human trafficking, and homeless women, children, and pets. Because of their partnership with Noah's Animal House, which is also a barrier that they have removed because of that. They are requesting \$300,000 to expand the victim services program. Ms. Perez briefly shared that domestic violence, sexual assault, and sex trafficking is a continuous epidemic that plagues our communities. These traumas associated with these crimes are egregious and continue to diminish the victim's mentality spiritually, emotionally, physically, and financially. According to a report in 2022, over a six-month period, 46 of 74 deaths in Clark County were domestic violence related. In another report by the Coalition in 2021, 26,966 cases of domestic violence occurred in the state of Nevada, and 21,619 were in Clark County. Another report in 2023 reported that limited progressive resources in Clark County, Nevada, for domestic violence, which include the Family Justice Center. Ms. Perez stated she was very, very grateful for that partnership there. Considering the research, it is the goal to not only provide immediate shelter to victims fleeing these deadly situations, but also to provide financial legal assistance to those desiring to prosecute their abusers. With the hopes to reduce the continuous escalation observed through the progression of years. Ms. Perez shared that she is a survivor of domestic violence and understands the challenges that our clients face.

### No Questions

There is No Hero in Heroin Foundation Alternative Peer Group Amount Requested: \$444,966.20 Presenter: Joseph Engle

Joe Engle, CEO and founder, presented on behalf of There is no Hero in Heroin in Las Vegas accompanied by the Director of Operations to the peer group. There is No Hero in Heroin Foundation was created to address emotional, psychological, spiritual, and social needs of teens struggling with substance use issues. This unique treatment model

integrates the importance of peer connection and sound clinical practice through intervention, support, education, accountability, and family involvement. The CDC findings have determined fentanyl, the leading cause of death for people ages 18 to 45. Mr. Engel shared that it is estimated that that as many as 40% of counterfeit pills contain enough fentanyl to be lethal. He also expressed how fentanyl poisoning has changed the demographics of overdose; overdose is no longer reserved to individuals struggling with chronic drug use over those. Death has reached to one-time experimental use to making everyone, especially our youth, vulnerable. The awareness and prevention of substance use has never been more crucial. They continuously work tirelessly to educate and empower youth to understand new risks surrounding drug use. They serve approximately 200 youth per year. That equals one new participant every other day. At Ten high they do the day in day out grind to support our youth struggling with substance issues. In the first guarter of 2023, 88% of their youth reported feeling support in their recovery and 82% of their youth reported that their caregivers were educated on recovery. In addition, 76% of their youth reported reduced substance use and 29% of their youth have been engaged with their program for over one year. Mr. Engel was pleased to announce that it's working, and they hope their work continues, providing an unprecedented impact on adolescents struggling with substance use. They hope to continue fostering community support to aid in their mission, and hope these outcomes provide all the same inspiration their youth give them every day. There is no Hero in Heroin Foundation is a nonprofit organization dedicated to ending the devastation addiction causes families.

Q: I know you. I think you're you've gotten an OG grant, or at least.

A: We hope to get more just received notice that that we're going to be a recipient starting July 1.

Q: Have you gotten prior JAG Grants?

A: We have not.

Vegas Stronger

Vegas Stronger Substance Use & Mental Health Expansion

Amount Requested: \$: \$318,750

Presenter: David Marlon

Ryan Hamilton presented on behalf of Vegas Stronger Program. Vegas Stronger is located on 916 N Main St. in the middle of 2500 shelter beds. They provide comprehensive recovery-based care to the community with a focus on homeless individuals in Las Vegas. Their goal this year is to provide an easily accessible pathway to recovery for everybody experiencing homelessness in Las Vegas and are focused on graduating people back into social stability and sobriety. They are committed to delivering high levels of care. That's why they are certified by the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Administration and accredited by the Joint Commission. This commitment has been recognized by various public and private agencies. The Vegas Strong Program has received state opioid response funding grants, AOT grant from the DHS, a very generous security upgrade grant, which was spent from the city of Las Vegas. In addition, they have also received a \$25,000 grant to do a women's trauma group from the Venetian resort Las Vegas and they are proud to say that they have also just won their first OAG Grant. This program would cover non-Medicaid billable expenses as they seek to move 24 people out of homelessness through treatment and into graduated social stability, sobriety, employment, and housing. Currently they have a census of about 112 individuals who are receiving care at their facility and outreach teams are specialized in going into the community and recruiting them into the facility and into care, They have partnered with the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department with the city Marshall's office to try to coordinate when they do public cleanups to make sure that they are on hand to offer people recovery services at that crucial time in their life. Mr. Hamilton shared that programs similar to theirs have been tried across the country and in North Carolina, a similarly designed program saved local governments more than \$1 million in medical expenses. It also reduced jail stays by 84% and it reduced arrests by program participants by 74%. So, there is a good model for this program.

No Questions

Vision Theatrical Foundation, Inc. Toe Tag Monologues/Saving Our Kids Amount Requested: \$70,000 Presenter: R.Byron Stringer R Byron Stringer, Founder and Director and a retired Metro police officer, presented on behalf of Vision Theatrical Foundation as well as the author of the Toe Tag Monologues. Mr. Stringer has served over 26 1/2 years in Las Vegas with Metro. He realized not just as a playwright, but as a police officer also, that we have to really make a difference and even in his retirement it's not the time to stop working but it's the time to work harder. Mr. Stinger was accompanied by Miss Kim Flowers, Director of Toe Tag Monologues live program and life skills, as well as Cooper Nelson who will speak. Cooper Nelson is a part of their Community Acting Troop. Cooper shared that he was 15 years old and a Junior at LVA. He expressed how at most assemblies' kids don't really pay attention and how he could relate. What he noticed was kids pay attention to the Toe Tag Monologues. Kids do pay attention because it's really kids talking to kids and connecting with them. He shared a story about his friend Tristan who was hurting himself by cutting his arms and wrists. He was able help his friend by using the tools he learned from attending the Toe Tag Monologues Kids Do Pay Attention Program. Cooper encouraged his friend on how valuable he was and how he needed to seek counseling for his condition. His friend eventually shared with him that he was being abused by his father. Since then, his friend has received therapy and as a result is super happy. Cooper shared his gratefulness for his friend receiving help as well as his gratefulness for all that he has learned in the Toe Tag Monologue Program and continues to help people in his community.

No Questions

Women of Strength NV
Transitional Living Facility for Homeless Pregnant Women and Children
Amount Requested: \$650,000
Presenter: Anita Muwanika

Anita Muwanika, President, presented on behalf of Women of Strength NV. Women of Strength Nevada is a transitional living facility that supports homeless pregnant women and children from the age of 14 through 24. They are also willing to accept women that are 25 to 30 as well, as long as they have space available. The Women of Strength NV Program will provide a safe and nurturing environment for up to two years for them to achieve self-sufficiency. Their goal is not only to provide transitional housing to relieve a crisis. But to transition the lives of those they serve. After successful completion of the program participants will have secured employment, a place of residence for themselves and their family, childcare, and continued health care, while they continue working on their individual personal life path goals. This is a new program addition which currently serves more than 45,000 individuals and families in Clark County with food and other essentials through our food distribution center.

Q; Do you do you have a facility where the pregnant women live?

A: Yes

Q: How many can you house at one time?

A: We're going to house 12 at a time.12 women at each time in each house.

Q: Are you able to provide medical services and all that also?

A: Yes, we all have. Let me tell you about our services. We'll provide intensive case management to include assessment, risk, stratification planning, monitoring, transitioning, and evaluation assessed by a clinical physician. Educational service will support those who have not completed high school and continued education into college, a two- or four-year college plus technical or a technical school, whichever they choose, college or technical school. We will also have a Medicare provided through Nevada Medicaid for the participants will have workshops such as budgeting and financial management, which will allow the participants to proactively approach how to organize their finances life skills, nutrition, birthing, and parenting.

Q: I noticed that you're seeking \$650,000. That's virtually all we have today. So just so you know, if we gave you money, we wouldn't be able to give you anything close to that. Could you use a smaller amount?

Yes, It's basically what we're needing is for opening the house that we're going to run to love the home because we already have received support through the Clark County TEAP and other foundations.

Q: So in my understanding are you are you doing this now as we speak?

A: Yes

Q: OK, so you already have twelve women and children that your servicing right now?.

A: No ,let me clarify. I'm going to open the house August 1st.

Q: So you are not.

A: Right now I'm not open right now. The pantry is open, but the home is not open, but I have received many telephone calls from women needing our services and we also have collaborated with. Social Service as well as Help of Southern Nevada.

Q:So when you say the pantry is so you have a house that you've identified that you're that you're leasing now.

A: Correct

Q: So you all have all of the entitlements that are needed to have a transitional housing facility at this house.

A: Right, that is correct. At this house,

Q: The pantry is open and you serve the people from the pantry, but the house is going to open up and you're going to have.

A: Yes, I do.

Q: You're going to have 12 women children or so who are going to be, who are going to be servicing.

A: Exactly.

Q: And your sole source of support is these other grants that you referring to, so this should be in addition to the grants.

A: No, it's also Nevada Medicaid fee for services will be receiving revenue from that as well.

Q: So reimbursement reimbursable services from them for each woman that's in there.

A: Yes

VII. Action-Review funding availability; consider a set-aside for program administration; discuss and select JAG 2023 projects for recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners on July 18, 2023.

Not discussed

- VIII. Take action to program anticipated future program income as appropriate. Subrecipients who have received Interest Income (II) in the past 5-years. I.I. amounts range between \$11K to \$13K depending on award amount.
  - LLEAC voted to Distribute equally among subrecipients
- VIIII. Public Comment At this time, the Committee will hear comments from the public regarding items not listed on agenda as posted. Comments will be limited to 3 minutes.

There were no public comments.

### X. Adjourn

# ATTACHMENT A

| AGENCY NAME (PROGRAM NAME)   | DOJ FY2023<br>Allocations |
|--|---------------------------|
| Antioch Community Services (We Love Community)                                     | \$30,335.70               |
| Arriba Las Vegas Work Center (Immigrant Victims Services)                          | \$50,559.50               |
| Boys and Girls Clubs of S. NV (SMART Girls & Passport to Manhood)                  | \$25,279.75               |
| Boys and Girls Clubs of the Colorado River (Substance Use Prevention for Laughlin) | \$40,447.60               |
| City of Las Vegas (Office of Cultural Affairs West LV Arts)                        | \$30,335.70               |
| City of Las Vegas Municipal Court (Specialty Court Program)                        | \$50,559.50               |
| Clark County Dept of Family Services (Parenting Project)                           | \$60,671.40               |
| Desert Reign Inc. (Social Emotional Learning)                                      | \$30,335.70               |
| Family and Child Treatment (FACT Mental Health Programs)                           | \$50,559.50               |
| Heroes & Heart (STEM Days: Robotics, Bricks & Kicks)                               | \$25,279.75               |
| Iron Sharpens Iron Mentoring (Mentorship)  | \$25,279.75               |
| Little Lucy's Child Care (RU4REAL Program)   | \$20,223.80               |
| Mesquite Police Department (Active Shooter School Door Breaching System)           | \$9,965.28                |
| Nevada Child Seekers (Missing Child Case Mgmt/Victim Advocacy Program)             | \$75,839.25               |
| Permanency (Permanency)  | \$20,223.80               |
| Project REAL (Project REAL)  | \$50,559.50               |
| Solution of Change (Youth & Families Mental Wellness Project)                      | \$25,279.75               |
| The Immigrant Home Foundation (IHF Human Trafficking Program)                      | \$30,335.70               |
| The LGBTQ+ Center of Southern Center (Center Advocacy Network)                     | \$40,447.60               |
| The Police Athletic League (PAL Neighborhood Tennis)                               | \$20,223.80               |
| Vegas Stronger (Vegas Stronger Substance Use & Mental Health Expansion)            | \$30,335.70               |
| Vision Theatrical Foundation (Toe Tag Monologues)                                  | \$60,671.40               |
| Women of Strength NV (Transitional Living)   | \$15,167.85               |
| TOTALS for FY23 process:   | \$818,917.28              |
| CC Admin Costs (10% Allowed)   | \$91,379.72               |
| CLV Admin Costs (10% Allowed)  | \$3,500.00                |
| TOTAL  | \$913,797.00              |
| The LLEAC voted to apply any interest earned to the following agency:              |                           |
| Distribute equally among subrecipients   |                           |
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