

## The City of North Las Vegas Homeless Initiative

The City of North Las Vegas Homeless Services Team (HST) will be working towards addressing the homelessness issues in North Las Vegas. As a current member of the Southern Nevada Homeless Continuum of Care (CoC) and as part of the coordinated federal, regional and local efforts to end homelessness - the City will be able to tap into the network of available resources, best practices, and institutional knowledge available.

HST will address the City’s homeless challenges in a 3 – pronged approach:

- **Street Outreach**
- **Preventions and Diversion**
- **Emergency Housing through referrals and vouchers**

On December 16, 2020 City Council approved the amendment to the CDBG/ESG FY 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan which included \$3,071,445 in Emergency Solution Grant – COVID2 (ESG-CV2) for the following activities **through September, 2022**:

<b>ESG COVID-19 CV Round 2</b>	<b>Budget</b>
<b>Administration (10%):</b> CNLV Admin fee for ESG grant administration	\$307,145
<b>CNLV Street Outreach:</b> CNLV Coordinator’s salary and Street Outreach Team for 2 years contracted with HELP of Southern Nevada	\$500,000
<b>Rapid Rehousing:</b> Grants awarded to The Shade Tree, Salvation Army, and Nevada Partners service providers for referrals from NLV clients	\$1,000,000
<b>Homeless Prevention:</b> Grants awarded to Salvation Army, Hope Link, and Nevada Partners service providers for referrals from NLV clients that are at risk of homelessness, provide rental assistance, education, and job placement/training	\$1,264,300
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,071,445</b>

Through HST, the City of North Las Vegas will utilize \$500,000 allocated for Street Outreach to hire the Mobile Crisis Intervention Team (MCIT) from HELP of Southern Nevada. The Street Outreach team will work 4 days per week offering urgent physical needs, case management referrals, and other supportive services to individuals experiencing homelessness **(See Exhibit A)**.

According to the 2020 Point-in-Time count, there are 5,283 experiencing homelessness in Southern Nevada. Of those 5,283 - 3,461 were unsheltered and 1,822 were sheltered.

We currently do not have specific data for individuals experiencing homelessness in the City of North Las Vegas.

The Street Outreach team will record all of its work for reporting purposes, and to better assist the progress of its clients through the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) homeless tracking software. The HMIS data collected will allow us to make strategic data-driven decisions and gather information specific to North Las Vegas.

The goals and strategies for the Homeless Services Team is to work creatively, and efficiently through collaborations with internal departments and support from community partnerships. By sharing data and resources we can minimize duplication of efforts and produce a greater sense of unification towards common goals of reducing the inflow into homelessness, and of helping the unsheltered find the appropriate type of housing for their specific needs. This collaboration will extend internally with the intersecting efforts of Municipal CARE Court and the Community Correctional Center in providing similar services to North Las Vegas clients.

HST has also created a Service Request model that will allow for the processing of incoming complaints, and requests for assistance related to homelessness. This model will allow for the processing of the information and address it in the most efficient manner without duplicating efforts and resources. **(See Exhibit B)**

At the will of Mayor and Council, options to continue and fund the Street Outreach efforts after the ESG COVID grant expires in September 2022 includes utilizing an internal CNLV team for outreach efforts and/or utilizing an ala carte services approach with Help of Southern Nevada, thereby significantly reducing the contracted services through this service provider.

Future funding for this initiative will continue through annual ESG funds in the amount of \$150,000 of which \$90,000 can be utilized for the street outreach team and \$60,000 for homeless prevention through service provider agreements. Additional funds can be realized through outside grant fund opportunities now that the City of North Las Vegas has established its own homeless outreach program.