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April 6, 2022

To: The State of Nevada Interim Finance Committee

**Re: Public Comment for April 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting on Agenda Item G.1.18**

Dear Chair Brooks and Members of the Committee,

The Community Foundation of Northern Nevada is writing in support of Agenda Item G.1.18 to transfer \$250,000,000 to the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Home Means Nevada Program. The affordable housing crisis in Nevada is worse than ever before and this investment will be critical to begin building and preserving more housing as soon as possible to improve the lives of Nevadans. Nevada has a severe need to increase housing options across the spectrum, including permanent supportive housing, affordable rentals, and homeownership opportunities.

The Community Foundation's Community Housing Land Trust, LLC was formed to provide workforce and affordable housing in Northern Nevada communities. The ARPA Home Means Nevada funding will be a crucial for ours and other housing organizations to be able to fund and complete hundreds of affordable units in the pipeline. ARPA funding provides a unique opportunity to rapidly make an impact in our State's affordable housing supply.

We appreciate your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

**Michelle Duggan**  
Board and Community Land Trust Administrator

**Kevin Melcher**  
Community Foundation Board Chair

