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**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Assemblywoman Daniele Monroe-Moreno, Chair, Interim Finance Committee  
**From:** Richard Whitley, Director, Department of Health and Human Services  
**Date:** August 14, 2024  
**Re:** Fund for a Resilient Nevada Work Program #C69332

*Richard Whitley*

The Fund for a Resilient Nevada (FRN), established in Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 433.732, announced a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) in June 2024 to solicit applications for funding to support efforts to abate the opioid epidemic in Nevada. Funding is guided by the [Nevada Opioid Needs Assessment and Statewide Plan 2022](#). The NOFO targets gaps in the system, with an emphasis on initiatives that support prenatal and children, workforce development, and supporting target populations with the overall goal of addressing substance use disorder in communities.

The application period for the NOFO closed in July 2024 and FRN has evaluated all submitted proposals for funding. Work Program #C69332 was requested for the August Interim Finance Committee (IFC) meeting to expedite the award process as negotiations are completed and scopes of work/budgets are finalized with the applicants. At the time the work program was submitted, the agency was receiving applications and elected to request funds to more efficiently award to selected agencies working to support communities impacted by substance use. With IFC approval in August, the program can begin budget and scope of work negotiations with the providers. If the program waits until a later IFC to request the authority, the negotiation period would be delayed until after October 2024. FRN can provide updates at future IFC meetings on the NOFO progress and specific awardees and projects selected.

At this time, FRN will continue scope of work and budget negotiations with the following entities:

**Target 1: Build capacity**

- Carson Tahoe Health: Youth and Adolescent Opioid Prevention Mobile Outreach Program (Carson City/Quad Counties)
- Changing Smiles Pediatric Dentistry (Changing Smiles Pediatric Dentistry)
- Frontier Community Coalition: Nevada Rural Youth Mental Health and Wellness Project (Humboldt, Lander, Mineral, Pershing)
- High Sierra: Project RISE: Resilience and Intervention for Substance Education (Statewide)
- Join Together Northern Nevada (JTNN): The Thriving Families Workforce Development Initiative (Northern Nevada)
- Storey County: Prevention of Drug Activities (Storey County)
- Tahoe Forest Health (Incline Village Community Hospital): Opioid Use Disorder Treatment and Support Services at IVCH (Incline Village)
- UNLV Department of Psychology Bachelor's Program: Development of a B.A. Children's Mental Health degree program at UNLV (Statewide)
- UNLV Department of Psychology PsyD Program: Development of a Psy.D. degree program at UNLV (Statewide)
- UNR/Renown Northern Nevada Addiction Medicine Fellowship Program (Northern Nevada)

**Target 2: Prevent the misuse of opioids**

- Carson City: Opioid Prevention Efforts: Education, Disposal, Distribution of Naloxone and Fentanyl Strips, and Dissemination of Information (Carson City)
- Foster Kinship: Kinship Navigator Program Expansion for OUD Impacted Families (Clark County)
- Inspiring Children Foundation: Peer Engagement, Prevention and Direct Service Grant for youth impacted by Opioid Use/Misuse (Clark County)
- NyE Communities Coalition: Opioid Misuse Prevention Project (OMP Project) (Nye, Lincoln, Esmeralda)
- PACT Coalition: Integrating Certified Prevention Specialists in Nevada Schools (Statewide)
- Washoe County: WCHSA Sobriety Treatment and Recovery Team (START) (Washoe County)

**Target 3: Reduce harm related to opioid use**

- China Spring Youth Camp: China Spring Youth Camp Opioid Grant (Statewide)
- FirstMed Health & Wellness: FirstMed Educate (Clark County)
- Foundation for Recovery: Community Recovery Clinic (Clark County)
- Renown Women's Health Center: Ryland Project (Washoe County)

**Target 4: Provide behavioral health treatment**

- Ackerman Center: Evidence-Based Practice for High-Risk Nevada Youth (Las Vegas)
- Apple Grove Foster Care: Youth and Families Community Based Treatment Project (Las Vegas/Clark County)
- Boys and Girls Club of Southern Nevada: Club ReNew (Recovery and New Beginnings) (Southern Nevada)
- Carson City: Provide Behavioral Health Treatment: Carson City Juvenile Services Hire a Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor (Carson City)
- CrossRoads of Southern Nevada: Future Forward TAY Program (Southern Nevada Region)
- United Citizens Foundation: Miracle Minds Substance Use/Misuse Program for Youth and Adolescents (Las Vegas/Clark County)

**Target 5: Implement recovery communities across Nevada**

- College of Southern Nevada: The College of Southern Nevada (CSN) Building Workforce in Recovery Communities (Las Vegas)
- NyE Communities Coalition: Statewide Recovery: Communities Implementation Project (SR:CIP) (Nye, Lincoln, Esmeralda)

**Target 6: Provide opioid prevention and treatment consistently across the criminal justice and public safety systems**

- Carson City Community Counseling Center: Increasing Wellness (Northern Nevada)
- The Life Change Center: On-Track Program (Northern Nevada)

**Target 7: Provide high quality and robust data and accessible, timely reporting**

- UNLV Southern Nevada Water Authority: Statewide Wastewater Monitoring of Opioids, Sedatives, and Stimulants at NSHE Institutions and High Schools (Las Vegas/Clark County)