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## SUMMARY REPORT: GRANT MATCHING PROGRAM

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## PROGRAM BACKGROUND

From the 2019 legislative session, Assembly Bill 489 created the Grant Matching Fund (GMF) pilot program to provide matching funds to state agencies, local governments, tribal governments, and nonprofit organizations applying for federal and nongovernmental organization grants. Senate Bill 528 of the 2019 session appropriated \$1 million to fund the grants awarded by the pilot program.

The pilot GMF was approved by the Interim Finance Committee in December 2019 and launched in January 2020. Due to the COVID-19 public health crisis, the program stopped accepting applications in April 2020.

Assembly Bill 445 of the 2021 Nevada legislative session extended the GMF, renaming it to the Grant Matching Program (GMP) and narrowing it to fund matches for federal grants only. An appropriation of \$1 million was approved to fund the Grant Match Account for fiscal year 2022. Beginning July 1, 2022, the permanent program is administered by the newly formed Office of Federal Assistance.

## REQUIRED REPORTING

As required per NRS 223.498, the Nevada Governor's Office of Federal Assistance is submitting the below information by January 1, 2023, to the director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the Legislature summarizing the GMP program.

NRS 223.498 states:

On or before January 1 of each odd-numbered year the Director of the Office shall prepare and submit to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the Legislature a summary report for the Program detailing:

1. The number and purpose of grant requests received from state agencies, local agencies, tribal government and nonprofit organizations;
2. The number and purpose of grant requests approved, and the amount of money awarded from the Grant Matching Account created by NRS 223.492 to each approved grant request applicant; and
3. The amount of federal grant funding received by each grant applicant as a result of receiving money from the Grant Matching Account.

## PRIOR AWARDEES

North Las Vegas Fire Department

FFY19: Department of Homeland Security Assistance to Firefighters Grants - \$45,129

## GMP SUMMARY REPORT

Grants and applicants had to meet certain eligibility criteria in order to apply for GMP match assistance. Certain types of grants (e.g., federal pass-through funding and mandatory grants) were ineligible for the program, and all applicants must demonstrate and certify that they exhausted all potential sources of match.

# 1. NUMBER AND PURPOSE OF GRANT REQUESTS RECEIVED:

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*State Fiscal Year 2022*

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## COMPLETED APPLICATIONS

**State agencies: 1**

*Applicant: City of Las Vegas*

**Opportunity:** US Economic Development Administration (EDA)/American Rescue Plan Act Economic Adjustment Assistance

**Purpose:** The City of Las Vegas, and contributing partners, Clark County and the Chef Jeff Project, are submitting a grant to the EDA EAA program to support the expansion of the Culinary Training and Leadership Academy. This project, which was launched as a pilot in 2020 by The Chef Jeff Project in a facility in North Las Vegas, has successfully served 30 youth over the last year. The funding requested from the EDA will allow the Academy to move from a single fixed facility in North Las Vegas, to add two mobile kitchens/learning laboratories to ensure delivery to the highest-need communities across Clark County. The mobile kitchens provide an opportunity to service additional low-income neighborhoods within Clark County that have been classified as food deserts, where residents do not have access to healthy food options, nor educational space to hold classes. The mobile kitchens and the supporting equipment for the Academy will be headquartered in the Historic Westside, adjacent to the Historic Westside School which is owned by the City of Las Vegas. The Historic Westside School will also be utilized for classroom space, including internal space and an outdoor kitchen/plaza space. This grant will allow the Academy to expand to 120 youth per year across Clark County, for a total of 240 youth over the two-year project period proposed in this grant application. The program focuses on helping youth who are justice-involved or in the foster care system develop pre-vocational skills, acquire basic culinary training, and obtain assistance with job placement.

The Culinary Training and Leadership Academy is an intensive 60-day program that provides basic culinary, hospitality, and pre-vocational training. Students who participate in the Academy receive training in diversity and inclusion, harassment prevention, personal and professional development, hygiene management, public speaking, and confidence-building. The Academy also addresses childhood hunger (youth in the program get two meals per training session and they take food home) as well as childhood obesity (providing healthy food options and training within Title I communities). Partnerships with various local organizations are established to ensure youth have access to full wrap-around services and receive the support necessary to ensure their success, teaching them that seeking assistance with mental health and social services is important.

In 2020, a pilot of the Culinary Training and Leadership Academy was launched in North Las Vegas. In the last year the Academy has served 30 youth via more than 120 classes and events. The classes and events included:

- Test kitchen events: To give youth the opportunity to put their acquired culinary skills to work while practicing their customer service and communication skills.
- Catering opportunities: To collaborate on preparing large-scale food productions for clients and customers.
- Work experience training classes: To prepare the youth for the workforce, regardless of which career or continued educational path they choose.
- Guest speaker events: To inspire and motivate youth and to demonstrate diverse models of success. Some of the guest speakers have shared lived experiences that bring the youth hope for a better future.
- Field trips: Excursions outside of the classroom give youth exposure beyond their communities and teach them middle-income values.

This grant request seeks to expand the Academy in the following ways:

- Grow the service area from North Las Vegas to other high-need areas across Las Vegas and Clark County and increase capacity from serving 30 youth per year to 120 youth per year, fully subsidized.
- Add two mobile kitchens to the Academy, which expand opportunities for learning by providing work experience opportunities for students in a real-world kitchen environment, the ability to travel and teach in underserved areas, and the opportunity to teach healthy cooking options at pop-up events.

Local agencies: 0

Tribal governments: 0

Nonprofit: 0

## DISQUALIFIED APPLICATIONS

State agencies: 0

Local agencies: 0

Tribal governments: 0

Nonprofit: 4

*Applicant: Services and Assistance for Veterans with Emergencies (S.A.V.E)*

**Opportunity:** N/A

**Purpose:** Actively providing services and assistance to veterans in need. Feeding and providing clothing for homeless.

*Applicant: El Shaddai Refuge Homes*

**Opportunity:** City of Las Vegas/Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)

**Purpose:** El Shaddai Refuge Homes CDC is a non-profit organization dedicated to assisting those who have been displaced in the Las Vegas Valley.

*Applicant: Minatiam Cooperative Cooperation*

**Opportunity:** N/A

**Purpose:** To build a brand that is so successful that the world knows that light is truth. Our vision is the future. Online store.

*Applicant: Neighbor Network of Northern Nevada (N4)*

**Opportunity:** Administration for Community Living/Administration on Aging/Alzheimer's Disease Programs Initiative Grant to States and Communities.

**Purpose:** The N4 village connects people living in Northern Nevada for inclusive, community-based services, volunteer opportunities, and affordable transportation. N4's programs serve a variety of individual needs, including supporting people with intellectual, developmental, and physical disabilities, people living with dementia, and their family care partners. N4 was designed using the senior village model, although with a greater focus on social equity within its diverse programs and projects. By valuing the assets and gifts of each person served and organizational partner, N4 is shaping the culture in Northern Nevada to ensure everyone has full community access. N4 is solution-driven and committed to addressing social isolation within the most vulnerable populations to improve health and wellbeing.

#### Other: 2

*Applicant: Quality of Life Private Care*

**Opportunity:** N/A

**Purpose:** Make my clients feel special and important

*Applicant: Wheatley De Forge LLC*

**Opportunity:** N/A

**Purpose:** Provide access to high speed fiber optics internet for healthcare education entertainment while teaching skills to those with disabilities.

## INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS

#### State agencies: 1

*Applicant: Nevada Division of Emergency Management (NDEM)*

**Opportunity:** FEMA/Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC)

**Purpose:** With a general focus on disasters, risks, and hazards, including those associated with climate change, the guiding principles of the program are to (1) support state and local governments, tribes, and territories through capability- and capacity-building to enable them to identify mitigation actions and implement projects that reduce risks posed by natural hazards; (2) encourage and enable innovation while allowing flexibility, consistency, and effectiveness; (3) promote partnerships and enable high-impact investments to reduce risk from natural hazards with a focus on critical services and facilities, public infrastructure, public safety, public health, and communities; (4) provide a significant opportunity to reduce future losses and minimize impacts on the Disaster Relief Fund; (5) promote equity, including by helping members of disadvantaged groups and prioritizing 40 percent of the benefits to disadvantaged communities as referenced in Executive Order (EO) 14008 in line with the Administration's Justice40 Initiative; and (6)

support the adoption and enforcement of building codes, standards, and policies that will protect the health, safety, and general welfare of the public, taking into account future conditions, prominently including the effects of climate change, and have long-lasting impacts on community risk reduction, including for critical services and facilities and for future disaster costs.

In accordance with the BRIC program's guiding principle of promoting equity and in implementing the Justice40 Initiative, the BRIC program is prioritizing assistance that benefits disadvantaged communities as referenced in EO 14008. A disadvantaged community may be characterized by variables including, but not limited to: low income, high and/or persistent poverty, high unemployment and underemployment, racial and ethnic segregation, particularly where the segregation stems from discrimination by government entities, linguistic isolation, high housing cost burden and substandard housing, distressed neighborhoods, high transportation cost burden and/or low transportation access, disproportionate environmental stressor burden and high cumulative impacts, limited water and sanitation access and affordability, disproportionate impacts from climate, high energy cost burden and low energy access, jobs lost through the energy transition, access to health care, and all geographic areas within Tribal jurisdictions.

**Local agencies: 0**

**Tribal governments: 0**

**Nonprofit: 0**

**Other:1**

*Applicant: Lewis Jerome Marquis LLC*

**Opportunity: N/A**

**Purpose:** To assist any government official as needed in the private sector and or consultants

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## ***State Fiscal Year 2023 (currently in progress)***

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### **COMPLETED APPLICATIONS**

**State agencies: 2**

*Applicant: Western Nevada College (awarded)*

**Opportunity:** U.S Environmental Protection Agency/Pollution Prevention Grant Program

**Purpose:** WNC contributes to solutions for the 21st century by providing effective educational pathways for the students and communities of Nevada. Our mission statement focuses on the diverse and meaningful educational pathways that we provide for our students and communities. These pathways include transfer degrees for students continuing their education at the university level, professional degrees and certificates designed to match the workforce skills needed for today's Nevada, and a wide range of continuing educational opportunities for personal enrichment and professional development. Our mission is actively guided by our

values, and the development and expansion of our educational pathways is informed by the aspirations in our vision. Vision Statement: WNC is an integral and innovative educational partner fostering equity and a life of learning in an inclusive environment for the evolving, diverse communities we serve. Our vision statement reflects our objective to be an educational leader across a changing Nevada and beyond, while maintaining our foundation as an inclusive open-door institution. WNC strives to be woven into the communities we serve through responsive, supportive programming for rapidly changing educational and workforce needs. WNC also positions itself to be accessible beyond our local service area to meet students where they are across the state, the country, and the world. Our Vision Statement's focus on equity and inclusion affirms support of every student's success, as well as our commitment to foster personal, professional, and academic growth across a lifetime. Because WNC partnered with greenUP! and other partners to build a statewide green business program and that is a large focus of the EPA grant, we will also share the mission and vision of the green business network: Nevada Green Business Network (NVGBN) is a coalition of organizations that came together to offer a statewide green business certification program. We work with small to medium sized businesses to offer free assistance and recognize efforts that save energy and water, reduce waste, prevent pollution and stormwater impacts, and encourage better commute options. We offer a checklist of best practices that businesses can implement, and we certify businesses that meet minimum thresholds of environmental performance. Once certified, we help to promote green businesses throughout the state. The mission is to educate and assist Nevada businesses and organizations in achieving green business certification to increase economic prosperity and create sustainable communities. We envision our transition to a thriving, green economy that ensures a healthy Nevada for generations to come. For more information on the Nevada Green Business Program and Network, see: <https://nvgreenbusiness.org>

*Applicant: UNLV (in progress)*

**Opportunity:** Department of Labor/Nursing Expansion Grant Program

**Purpose:** The purpose of this program is to increase nursing instructors and educators, and to expand and diversify the pipeline of nursing professionals who can fill quality jobs to boost the nation's healthcare systems while advancing equity.

**Local agencies: 0**

**Tribal governments: 0**

**Nonprofit: 0**

## **DISQUALIFIED APPLICATIONS**

**State agencies: 1**

*Applicant: UNR*

**Opportunity:** National Science Foundation/Major Research Instrumentation Program (MRI)



**Purpose:** UNR plans to utilize the equipment's to be purchased with these federal funds to increase and enhance local and national collaborations and attract more federal funds. UNR is seeking matching funds for a grant they have already received that is for a large-scale real-time digital simulator for cyber-physical energy systems that will enable multi-disciplinary research at UNR as well as other educational institutions in Nevada and nationwide. The simulator is essential to accurately model and capture power grid dynamics. The requested instrument will be a great asset for training student and engineers on emerging cyber-physical energy system tech.

**Local agencies: 0**

**Tribal governments: 0**

**Nonprofit: 1**

*Applicant: Well Care Foundation*

**Opportunity:** Clark County Continuum of Care Unsheltered Grant Program/HUD

**Purpose:** Well Care intends to house individuals for up to three months while the work with them to link them to services, support, and permanent housing. This is transitional housing for homeless. They plan to use resources for case management services, link individuals to jobs, teach living skills to support their desire to get back to living a more productive life while stabilizing their behavioral health conditions.

## INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS

**State agencies: 1**

*Applicant: Nevada Department of Education*

**Opportunity:** US DOE-Administration for Children and Families/Preschool Development Grant PDG B-5

**Purpose:** the PDG B-5 Renewal Grant seek to empower state government to lead the way in leveraging federal, state, and local early care and education investments while developing and improving their comprehensive, statewide birth through five early childhood care and education system. These Renewal Grants seek to assist states in helping low-income and disadvantaged children enter kindergarten prepared and ready to succeed. In addition, these grants will help improve the transitions between early care and education settings and elementary schools. The overall responsibility of the PDG B-5 is to assist states in the coordination of existing early childhood funding streams resulting in services being provided to more children birth through five in and mixed delivery system.

**Local agencies: 1**

*Applicant: Humboldt County/Humboldt Development Authority*

**Opportunity:** Economic Development Administration (EDA)/Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance Programs including CARES Act Funding

**Purpose:** The Economic Development Administration's (EDA's) mission is to lead the Federal economic development agenda by promoting innovation and competitiveness, preparing American regions for economic growth and success in

the worldwide economy. EDA fulfills this mission through strategic investments and partnerships that create the regional economic ecosystems required to foster globally competitive regions throughout the U.S. EDA supports development in economically distressed areas of the US by fostering job creation and attracting private investment. Under this NOFO, EDA solicits applications from applicants in order to provide investments that support construction, non-construction, planning, technical assistance, and revolving loan fund projects under EDA's Public Works program and EAA program (which includes Assistance to Coal Communities and Nuclear Closure Communities). Grants and cooperative agreements made under these programs are designed to leverage existing regional assets and support the implementation of economic development strategies that advance new ideas and creative approaches to advance economic prosperity in distressed communities, including those negatively impacted by changes to the coal economy and nuclear power plant closures. Details about financial assistance for CARES Act Recovery Assistance Projects are located in the addendum released 05/07/2020.

**Tribal governments: 0**

**Nonprofit: 1**

*Applicant: Nevada Volunteers*

**Opportunity:** AmeriCorps/Volunteer Generation Fund (ARP)

**Purpose:** AmeriCorps improves lives, strengthens communities, and fosters civic engagement through service and volunteering. AmeriCorps bring people together to tackle the country's most pressing challenges through national service and volunteerism. AmeriCorps members and AmeriCorps Senior volunteers serve with organizations dedicated to the improvement of communities and those serving. President Biden's American Rescue Plan (ARP) calls for Americans to come together to support our communities. The plan offers additional funding for the Volunteer Generation Fund grants which will support efforts that expand the capacity of volunteer connector organizations to recruit, manage, support, and retain individuals to serve in high quality volunteer assignments. Applicants that receive funding under this Notice may directly carry out the activities supported under the award or may do so by making subgrants. Subgrants to community-based entities must include one or more of the following:

\*Recruit, manage, or support volunteers to a community-based entity such as a volunteer coordinating agency, a nonprofit resource center, school districts, a volunteer training clearinghouse, an IHE, or a collaborative partnership of faith-based and community-based \*Provide technical assistance and support to strengthen the capacity of local infrastructure organizations, address areas of nation need, and expand the number of volunteers nationally.

## 2. NUMBER AND PURPOSE OF GRANT REQUESTS APPROVED AND MONEY AWARDED FROM GMP ACCOUNT:

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### *State Fiscal Year 2022*

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Total number of approved grant requests: 1

Total money awarded from the GMP: \$ 225,216.00

**City of Las Vegas:**

**Grant:** FFY21: American Rescue Plan Act Economic Adjustment Assistance –

**GMP award amount:** \$225,216.00

**Purpose:** The EDA aims to assist communities and regions impacted by the coronavirus pandemic, including historically underserved communities. The pandemic has caused, and continues to cause, economic injury to the U.S. communities and regions in devastating and unprecedented ways. EDA’s ARPA EAA NOFO is designed to provide a wide range of financial assistance to communities and regions as they respond to, and recover from, the economic impacts of the coronavirus pandemic, including long-term recovery and resilience to future economic disasters. Under this announcement, EDA solicits applications under the authority of the Economic Adjustment Assistance (EAA) program, which is flexible and responsive to the economic development needs and priorities of local and regional stakeholders. This is the broadest NOFO EDA is publishing under ARPA and any eligible applicant from any EDA region may apply. EDA expects fund a number of projects under this NOFO that support communities negatively impacted by the downturn in the coal economy, supporting transitioning away from coal, EDA anticipated funding approximately 300 non-construction and construction projects that cost between approximately \$500,000 and \$5,000,000 with the appropriation, though EDA will consider application above and below these amounts.

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### *State Fiscal Year 2023*

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Total number of approved grant requests: 1

Total money awarded from the GMP: \$289,270.50

**Western Nevada College:**

**Grant:** FFY22: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Pollution Prevention Grant Program

**GMP award amount:** \$289,270.50

**Purpose:** EPA is announcing a grant competition to fund two-year Pollution Prevention assistance agreement for project that provide technical assistance (e.g., information, training, tools) to businesses to help them develop and adopt source reduction practices (also known as “pollution prevention” or “P2”). P2 means reducing or eliminating pollutants from entering any waste stream or otherwise being released into the environment prior to recycling, treatment, or disposal. In keeping with the Pollution Prevention Act of 1990,

EPA is encouraging P2 because implementing these practices can result in reductions in pollutants, and the use of water, energy, and other raw materials, while also lowering business costs, States, stat entities, the District of Columbia, the U.S. Virgin Islands, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, any territory or possession of the U.S., federally recognized tribes and intertribal consortia are eligible to apply.

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## State Fiscal Year 2023 ~ in progress

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Total number of grant requests in progress: 2

Total money in progress from the GMP account: \$630.440

### Nevada Volunteers:

**Grant:** FFY2023 Volunteer Generation Fund ARP

**GMP potential award amount:** \$ 31,160

**Purpose:** AmeriCorps improves lives, strengthens communities, and fosters civic engagement through service and volunteering. AmeriCorps bring people together to tackle the country's most pressing challenges through national service and volunteerism. AmeriCorps members and AmeriCorps Senior volunteers serve with organizations dedicated to the improvement of communities and those serving. President Biden's American Rescue Plan (ARP) calls for Americans to come together to support our communities. The plan offers additional funding for the Volunteer Generation Fund grants which will support efforts that expand the capacity of volunteer connector organizations to recruit, manage, support, and retain individuals to serve in high quality volunteer assignments. Applicants that receive funding under this Notice may directly carry out the activities supported under the award or may do so by making subgrants. Subgrants to community-based entities must include one or more of the following:

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- Provide technical assistance and support to strengthen the capacity of local infrastructure organizations, address areas of nation need, and expand the number of volunteers nationally.

### University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV):

**Grant:** FFY2023 DOL Nursing Expansion Grant Program

**GMP potential award amount:** \$599,280

**Purpose:** The purpose of this program is to increase nursing instructors and educators, and to expand and diversify the pipeline of nursing professionals who can fill quality jobs to boost the nation's healthcare systems while advancing equity.

### 3. AMOUNT OF FEDERAL GRANT FUNDING RECEIVED BY EACH GRANT APPLICANT AS A RESULT OF THE GMP ACCOUNT:

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#### *State Fiscal Year 2022*

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Total number of federal funding received: \$1,801,729

**City of Las Vegas**

Total federal funding received: \$1,801,729

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#### *State Fiscal Year 2023*

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Total federal funding received: \$578,541

**Western Nevada College**

Total federal funding received: \$578,541

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#### *State Fiscal Year 2023 ~ in progress*

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Total potential federal funding to be received: \$1,446,768

Total federal funding, received and potential combined: \$2,025,309

**University of Las Vegas, Nevada (UNLV)**

Total federal funds in progress: \$1,198,560

**Nevada Volunteers**

Total federal funds in progress: \$ 248,208

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### GMP SUMMARY REPORT CONCLUSION

OFA's vision and mission is to support our stakeholders in obtaining, increasing, and maximizing federal assistance. The OFA does this by reducing barriers through inclusive, collaborative, comprehensive, and centralized support for Nevada stakeholders. One of the barriers OFA addresses is the challenge for state, local, tribal, and nonprofit entities to meet the match requirements of the federal opportunities they seek. The Grant Matching Program (GMP) reduces that match barrier, providing the state of Nevada with a program that increases federal funds statewide.

In state fiscal year 2022, the GMP expended \$225,216 in match dollars and brought into the state of Nevada **\$1,801,729 in federal funds**.

In state fiscal year 2023, the GMP awarded \$289,270 in match dollars and brought into the state of Nevada **\$578,541 in federal funds**.

Currently, in progress for state fiscal year 2023, the GMP has received viable applications, where the GMP would be able to expend \$630,440 in potential match dollars and will potentially bring into the State of Nevada **\$2,025,309 in federal funds**.

The increasing success of the GMP is a result of both successful program management by the GMP Program Manager, as well as outreach, networking, partnerships, and marketing by the Executive Grants Analyst for Communication and Director of the Office of Federal Assistance. The Program is experiencing growth in the areas of demand, inquiries, and quality applications received. With the increase in federal funding and the dollar value of those programs, GMP has the new challenge of leveraging the 1-million-dollar allocation per year with larger match demands with the upcoming federal opportunities.