

SFY 2022-2023 Fund for a Healthy Nevada Evaluation Summary

Independent Living Services | \$550,000 Annually

- Total Proposals Received: 8 proposals, totaling \$762,916

Proposals Ranked by Evaluators:

Prop #	Organization	FS	DC	TM	Average	Year 1	Year 2	Region
2	Dignity Health	93	86.3	97	92.1	\$87,754	\$87,754	Southern
8	RSVP - NV Rural County	84.5	93	87.5	88.3	\$114,274	\$114,274	Northern
7	CARE Chest of Sierra NV	78.5	86.5	76.5	80.5	\$150,000	\$150,000	Statewide
1	ALS Assoc-NV Chapter	64.5	76.8	81.7	74.3	\$73,917	\$73,917	Statewide
5	Lyon County HS	79	63	80.2	74.1	\$105,251	\$105,251	Lyon
4	BOR-UNR - Path to Indp	64.5	56.7	82.2	67.8	\$55,000	\$55,000	Statewide
6	DETR	61.8	57.5	78	65.8	\$115,970	\$115,970	Statewide
3	Fam for Eff Autism Tmt	62.2	40.7	79.8	60.9	\$60,750	\$60,750	Southern

Evaluator Review

Proposal 1:	ALS Association Nevada Chapter
Abstract:	<p>Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) was first identified in 1869, and later named in 1939 after Lou Gehrig a famous baseball player who lost his life to the devastating disease. ALS is a progressive neurodegenerative disease that affects nerve cells in the brain and the spinal cord. When the motor neurons die, the ability of the brain to initiate and control muscle movement is lost and voluntary muscle action declines. This progressive degeneration of motor neurons eventually leads to paralysis and death. To help individuals facing ALS, the national ALS Association was established in 1985. <i>The ALS Association Nevada Chapter, an affiliate of the national association, was founded in 2004; it is the only ALS related non-profit organization in Nevada.</i> The mission of the ALS Association Nevada Chapter is to discover treatments and a cure for ALS, and to serve, advocate for, and empower Nevadans affected by ALS to live their lives to the fullest. To that end, the ALS Association Nevada Chapter provide multiple services state- wide for those living with ALS, often referred to as pALS, or People with ALS, and their families. The services provided by the ALS Association Nevada Chapter include providing comprehensive care service coordination; providing adaptive and durable medical equipment and aids for daily living; and coordinating respite and other types of pALS/caregiver community support. Overall, the ALS Association Nevada Chapter provides state-wide direct services to approximately 100 pALS and their families on an annual basis.</p> <p>The broad, diverse array of services currently offered by the ALS Association Nevada Chapter already incorporates many of the targeted programs, services, and activities that are supported by the Fund for Healthy Nevada. To that end, the ALS Association Nevada Chapter proposes to support/augment its delivery of Independent Living Services, specifically focusing</p>

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	<p>on 1) Information and Referral Services (care service coordination) and 2) Transportation Services. Specifically, if awarded, the ALS Association Nevada Chapter would augment the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information and Referral Services: The ALS Association Nevada Chapter provides comprehensive care coordination services for pALS and their caregivers. Care Service Coordinators are responsible for providing pALS and their caregivers with information about ALS, related resources, and disease management. Care Service Coordinators conduct initial assessments, in-home visits, and phone consultations to identify patient needs and refer to/coordinate support services. This proposal would fund an additional Care Service Coordinator. • Transportation: Transportation is critical in allowing pALS to remain independent and to actively engage in their communities. As the ALS disease progresses, accessing transportation that accommodates for pALS safely is often financially challenging. The ALS Association Nevada Chapter currently provides for/coordinates transportation as part of the service array offered for pALS. This includes either making arrangements and payment for vehicle rental directly or providing reimbursement to families for travel/transportation expenses incurred. This proposal includes an additional \$10,000 in requested funds specifically to assist in better meeting the unmet demand for transportation related service requests. <p>The total budget request for this proposal is \$73,917, including the indirect rate (8%).</p>
Evaluation Review	
Positive Components	Fred – project has been around for quite a while.
Negative Components	<p>Fred – not very many partners listed, scope of work objectives 1 and 2 are different but had same activities listed to accomplish those objectives.</p> <p>Donna – would like to have seen examples of families who were benefited by the program. Is program in the North and rural as well? (yes, statewide).</p>
Reasonableness of Budget	Donna – average, would have liked to see more money going toward transportation.
Applicability of Budget	no comments
Scope of Work	<p>Donna – felt strongly it would be carried out.</p> <p>Tom – sensed it would be carried out, realistic approach.</p>
GMU Questions to Clarify	no questions

Proposal 2:	Dignity Health, St. Rose Dominican, Helping Hands of Henderson
Abstract	Dignity Health – St. Rose Dominican’s Helping Hands of Henderson Program will provide 125 unduplicated clients living in Henderson age 60 and over with 3,000 one-way rides to support their nutritional needs. We will transport them to food pantries, congregate meals at the City of Henderson Heritage Park Senior Facility and Downtown Senior Center, and grocery

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	<p>stores. Our proposed annual budget of \$87,754 will cover the costs of personnel, gasoline, van maintenance and repairs, volunteer mileage reimbursement, and administration. Our volunteers and van drivers will provide the transportation services. By supporting seniors who are living at home and at risk of institutional placement, this cost-effective program will help them to maintain their independence and promote self-sufficiency. In addition to transportation, we will conduct reassurance calls to check on the seniors' well-being and to provide referrals for appropriate social services. We will also administer surveys at six months and one year and use the data to evaluate clients' needs and improve the program. Project performance goals include: 85% of clients reporting an increased level of perceived independence; 95% reduction in clients going without food due to lack of transportation; and 90% of clients rating themselves as "satisfied" or "very satisfied" with the services provided. To avoid duplication and ensure program success, we will collaborate with providers throughout the community who offer both transportation and social services, including the Regional Transportation Commission, Helping Hands of Vegas Valley, Lend a Hand of Boulder City, Senior Life Line, City of Henderson, SNAP/EAP, Senior RX, as well as various local food pantries, assisted living facilities, and senior apartments.</p>
Evaluation Review	
Positive Components	<p>Tom – rated project high because application addressed each section sufficiently without going into over detail. Fred – rated high because of succinctness. Donna – excited to read description of activities, activities were clearly described.</p>
Negative Components	<p>Donna – unclear qualifications for the riders.</p>
Reasonableness of Budget	<p>Donna – totally applicable, clear, and appropriate.</p>
Applicability of Budget	<p>Tom – rated proposal high, historically this applicant has gone through this process before and has a good handle on what the budget needs to be, the applicability in terms of services they will provide, and how they will interact with other entities in the area.</p>
Scope of Work	<p>Fred – applicant appears to be familiar with how to do their work, has been around a while and has good results. Concerned regarding picking up clients and inherent problem with scheduling and picking up, time wasted if client not there, picking up clients may be excessive, problem/solutions not addressed. Donna – asked if referring to seniors? Fred – yes, has experience with this challenge. Donna – seems like seniors would be grateful and available.</p>
GMU Questions to Clarify	<p>What are the qualifications for the riders? How is picking up clients, time wasted if not present, addressed?</p>
Proposal 3:	Families for Effective Autism Treatment (FEAT) of Southern Nevada
Abstract	<p>Families for Effective Autism Treatment (FEAT) of Southern Nevada serves approximately 7,500 individuals with Autism and their families per year. FEAT's service area includes Las Vegas, North Las Vegas, and Henderson. FEAT proposes to enhance</p>

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	<p>a current program which provides iPads to people with Autism in Southern Nevada. The enhancement will provide iPads plus assessment, instruction, and ongoing mentoring to iPad recipients. This will ensure that each person is using the iPad to its fullest capacity for communication, academics, and independent living skills. According to the Autism Spectrum Disorder Foundation (https://myasdf.org), iPads offer portability and flexibility that a traditional PC or laptop cannot provide to a person with Autism. Since iPads have customizable options and applications, the iPad can be tailored to each person and his/her specific needs. Although the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) mandates school districts to provide needed assistive technology devices (ATD) to students, the Clark County School District, and many other school districts throughout the country, have fallen short in addressing the communication and academic needs of its students with Autism.</p> <p>Through a \$60,750 grant from the Fund for a Healthy Nevada (FHN), FEAT plans to serve a minimum of 50 people with Autism. These students and adults will benefit from the iPad for many years to come, and will be able to use it for academic skills, communication, independent living skills, employment skills, and social skills. The assessment will start with gathering baseline data by reviewing IEPs (for students), talking to team members, and direct observation. Once it is determined that an iPad is the correct ATD, there will be initial training on using the iPad for academics or communication. The AT consultant will continue to work with each person to master iPad applications that will teach the skills needed for independence. FEAT will partner with Victor Autism Resources (VARLV) to provide the initial assessment, initial iPad usage set-up and instruction, as well as ongoing mentoring to master academic, communication and independent living skills. While there are several other organizations that serve people with Autism in the Las Vegas area, only FEAT has an iPad scholarship program. If awarded this grant, FEAT will develop Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) that ensure that people with Autism seeking iPad technology will be referred to FEAT. Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) already exist between Autism organizations in Southern Nevada, so people looking for specific services are regularly referred between organizations.</p> <p>Data collection and ongoing project evaluation will inform the activities of the project. An example of data collection for the Proloquo2Go (communication app) will include number of vocabulary words, number of people with whom the person communicates and the ability to communicate increasingly complex thoughts. This data will be collected on spreadsheets as well as in case notes.</p>
Evaluator Review	
Positive Components	no comments
Negative Components	Donna – confused with the statement “many schools fall short”, in what areas are the Clark County School District schools falling short, iPads/Laptops?
Reasonableness of Budget	<p>Fred – asking for \$60,750, will serve 50 clients, \$1,215 per client, which includes iPad, academic skills, employment skills, independent living skills, communication skills, social skills, etc., seems high per client.</p> <p>Donna – felt the same way.</p> <p>Fred – if those skills will be taught in a group, a cluster of clients, \$1,215 per client seems high.</p>

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	Tom – has lack of understanding regarding needs and cost of needs, if cost is realistic to move person to position to be more functional then it could be justified, perhaps need more info re: specific costs and how it fits into overall plan, does not have frame of reference for the cost.
Applicability of Budget	Tom – questions effectiveness of apply x number of dollars per person, if reasonable then budget is applicable.
Scope of Work	Tom – feels project will be carried out.
GMU Questions to Clarify	In what areas are the schools falling short? Is school district supplying iPads? More information re: specific costs for services needed.

Proposal 4:	Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE), University of Nevada Reno (UNR), Path to Independence
Abstract:	<p>Path to Independence is an inclusive, two-year, non-degree postsecondary education certificate program for students with intellectual disabilities (ID) at the University of Nevada Reno (UNR). In its eighth year of operation, it is housed at the Nevada Center for Excellence in Disabilities (NCED) in the College of Education and Human Development (COEHD). P2I had 15 students with ID in the program for the 2019-2020 school year. Three of them had their tuition paid by a similar Fund for a Healthy Nevada (FHN) grant and will be graduating with a certificate in Community & Career Studies in May. Upon graduation, P2I's employment coordinator will assist them in finding competitive, integrated employment in the community. Without the previous grant funding these three students would not have been able to afford college and most likely would be working in a sheltered workshop for sub-minimum wages.</p> <p>P2I has three main components:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic & Social: Students take a maximum of 8 credit hours of classes from the UNR catalog (based on person-centered plan) per semester. Educational coaches attend classes and host study sessions with the students, as needed. Mentors participate in social events on campus and in the community. They model appropriate communication and behavior for the P2I students. • Independent living: Students take one Independent Living (IL) program-specific class, and one Student Success lab per semester. IL classes include: Nutrition & Cooking, Relationships & Sexuality, Self-Advocacy & Self Determination, and Money Matters. P2I also assists families in developing resources if their student wants to explore living independently. The Student Success lab works with each student to master computer skills needed for a successful college experience, such as Web Campus and MyNevada. In addition, for the first time, P2I students will be supported to live independently in the Identity apartments, close to campus. • Employment: Students learn pre-employment skills (pre-ETS) and have extensive work experiences (paid student employment, internships, volunteer) in semester 2-4. They work with the employment coordinator and other UNR campus employment services. <p>The P2I Scholarship Project seeks funding to provide tuition and fees to five students with ID who do not have the financial resources to attend. These will be students who do not qualify for dual enrollment (Washoe and Lyon County School Districts)</p>

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	<p>have MOU arrangements with P2I and pay tuition and fees for students with ID who have current IEPs and have been accepted into the program). The approximate cost is \$11,000/year, and this proposal seeks scholarships for 5 students, for a total of \$55,000 (no indirect charged).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Think College ,the national coordinating center for postsecondary education programs for students with ID. • College of Education and Human Development, • Office of Service Learning to get interns for P2I; • UNR departments to set up paid student employment and internships for P2I students. • Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) for employment activities; • Lyon and Washoe County School Districts for dual enrollment funds • Sierra Regional Center (SRC) provides funding for educational coaches.
Evaluation Review	
Positive Components	<p>Tom – has an adopted granddaughter (no conflict of interest, lives out of state), she is an example of a person who would get lots from a program such as this, program could change life outcomes for the students who receive the benefits, appears to be an effective program re: socialization, education, rated proposal high.</p> <p>Donna – likes the program</p>
Negative Components	<p>Donna – is curious to know if there are any other programs like this that don’t cost anything such as Medicaid, what is the unmet need for those students, would have liked to see some examples of success stories of previous students who have gone through the program.</p> <p>Tom – would have been helpful to identify anonymous background information of a student going through the program and how it changed their placement in society, promoted their independence.</p>
Reasonableness of Budget	<p>Tom – looked at what was been awarded in the past and the cost of education, did not find it unreasonable but did not have a basis of comparison, would have been helpful to have information re: how does this dollar amount compare to the costs for an average student?</p> <p>Donna – how many credit hours can they earn? Budget seemed high but does not have a strong basis for comparison.</p>
Applicability of Budget	<p>Fred – asked if this money takes care of 5 students, yet page 6 says “we expect to be sustainable for 2 years”, how are they sustainable after this period of time?</p> <p>Tom – does that have to do with Washoe and Lyon County pending that was referenced?</p> <p>Fred – doesn’t know, collaborations mentioned, overall project is good, sustainability income source not clear.</p> <p>Donna – sustainability didn’t seem clear.</p>
Scope of Work	Tom – scope presented is simple, saw no issues.
GMU Questions to Clarify	<p>How many credit hours can they earn?</p> <p>How will sustainability be accomplished?</p>

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Proposal 5:	Lyon County Human Services, Independent Living Services
Abstract:	<p>Lyon County is a unique rural county in Northern Nevada that spans over 2,000 square miles with five distinct communities that include Dayton , Silver Springs, Fernley, Yerington, and Smith Valley/Wellington. Lyon County's population is growing quickly with an average of 4% increase each year and with a disproportionately large number of people aged 55 or older for an area of its size. According to the census quick facts, 14.5% of Lyon County residents under the age of 65 have a disability. The mission of Lyon County Human Services is to enhance the well-being of individuals and families across the lifespan. The department delivers on this mission through four divisions including. Administrative Services, Children Services, Adult Services, and Senior Services. The target populations for this funding opportunity are Lyon County residents with disabilities ages 18 and older. This funding would supplement existing services within the Adult and Senior Services division increasing access to information and referral, skills training, individual advocacy, and transportation. Over the past two years Adult Services has seen an increase of individuals with disabilities needing assistance rising. FY20 data shows 22.5% of individuals served, reported as living with one or more disabilities. Adult Services has been fully trained and successful in using the SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SOAR) model. The department community referral data has shown a steady increase of 5% each year for the past 3 years of seniors in area needing assistance with information and referral. The most recent community needs assessment identified a lack of adequate transportation as a major barrier to accessing services. There has been a steady increase in the request for medical transportation, in particular for dialysis treatment locations which are all out of area with the exclusion of small tribal clinic in Yerington LCHS has had to implement a wait list for transportation services due to demand exceeding capacity in addition to restrictions in seating due to CDC and State COVID-19 guidelines for social distancing.</p> <p>This funding opportunity would increase the Adult Services division capacity to expand intake, assessments, and comprehensive case management activities for individuals living with disabilities, with the primary goal of reducing barriers and increasing self-sufficiency. The Senior Services Division would provide individuals over the age of 60 with a disability or individuals caring for someone over the age of 60 that have a disability services and supports identify needs, information and referrals to meet those needs, skills training in areas of scope such as technology assistance , basic mental health coping skills, and more. Case managers also advocate on behalf of clients . LCHS currently provides medical transportation to the Reno area on Mondays, Wednesday, and Fridays; with additional funding the department would add a second route on these days to meet the needs of our residents.</p> <p>The total funding request of \$105,251.00 to add 1.6 FTE to increase transportation and case management services as well as provide cell phones to allow expansion to home visits.</p>
Evaluation Review	
Positive Components	<p>Donna – transportation in rural areas is a huge problem, likes the program.</p> <p>Tom – has experience with services offered in rural areas agrees transportation is a challenge, well needed project.</p>
Negative Components	<p>Donna – who will get the cell phones?</p> <p>Tom – thought it was the case workers so they would feel safer when they were going into the homes, how is lack of cell phone service coverage addressed?</p> <p>Donna – seems like Lyon County would already provide caseworkers with cell phones? Would have liked examples of people who have benefited from the project.</p>

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Reasonableness of Budget	Donna – 2,000 square miles is covered so budget is reasonable, unclear re: cell phones.
Applicability of Budget	Tom – unclear how cell phones fit into project.
Scope of Work	Donna – yes Fred – yes
GMU Questions to Clarify	Who will get the cell phones? How is lack of cell phone service coverage addressed? Examples of people who has benefited from services?

Proposal 6:	State of Nevada, Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation (DETR), Rehabilitation Division, Vocational Rehabilitation Program
Abstract:	The Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation (DETR), Rehabilitation Division, Vocational Rehabilitation program includes the Bureau of Services to Individuals who are Blind and Visually Impaired (BSBVI), who will join with its community partner, Blindconnect to develop and provide tailored soft skills and job seeking skills training to its clients - Nevadans who are blind or visually impaired. This training will equip participants with the needed skills to achieve or progress in employment and fully access independent community life throughout Nevada. Based on Cornell University's 2018 research, 42.5% of Nevadans with disabilities are employed. In comparison 78.2% of Nevadans without disabilities are employed. The primary goal of the BSBVI and Blindconnect collaboration is to close the employment gap by increasing the number of employed Nevadans with disabilities who are visually impaired and promote independence. This project will include the development of a vocationally based independent living skills curriculum built upon the expertise of BSBVI vocational rehabilitation counselors and Blindconnect staff; as well as input from our local focus group. Leveraging online training resources, the project will then develop and deliver in-person and virtual soft skills and job seeking skills training. This unique offering will provide virtual access statewide. Our project timeline plans for a total of 60 BSBVI clients to complete the 9- week (54 hour) training within the project period. Project impact will be tracked via a combination of surveys (pre-training, post-training, and 6 months after training completion) and data (training, job search, employment). Total project cost is \$115,970.00. [\$29,500 training development, \$77,880 client training costs (\$1298 x 60 clients), and \$8,590 indirect costs].
Evaluation Review	
Positive Components	Tom – believes there is a need, often don't have info re: needs until cross paths with someone who is blind, project very well laid out, tied in with a state agency responsible for rehab, positive program.
Negative Components	Donna – read where it said it was new, confused who is applying for the money, State of Nevada ? Blind Connect? Where is the unmet need? Seems there are many programs like this.

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Reasonableness of Budget	no comments
Applicability of Budget	no comments
Scope of Work	<p>Donna – lack of examples, unclear how it is a new program as vocational training must be done somewhere along the line.</p> <p>Tom – sensed it was a new approach to the training, if enhancing an existing program clarification would be helpful.</p> <p>Fred – how much of this program relies on DETR doing what they need to do, if there are technical challenges will they be able to gather or post data?</p> <p>Tom – DETR’s challenges in the past year raises questions on their ability to assist this sub-group.</p>
GMU Questions to Clarify	<p>Who is applying for grant – State of Nevada or Blind Connect?</p> <p>Is this an existing program which will be enhanced?</p> <p>How much of this program relies on DETR doing what they need to do? If there are technical challenges will they be able to gather or post data?</p>

Proposal 7:	CARE Chest of Sierra Nevada
Abstract:	<p>The goal of this project is to provide Independent Living (IL) services to Nevada-based consumers who have been accepted to the applicant's Independent Living Program and are currently on the waiting list. Consumers must be residents of the State of Nevada and have self-- declared permanent disabilities to participate in the program. The IL Program ensures those in our community with disabilities have access to technology, home, or vehicle modifications that they require and would otherwise be unable to afford. The adaptations provided by the applicant's IL Program make it possible for at risk individuals with disabilities to remain in their home and out of care facilities. On average, consumers spend between eight to twelve months waiting for Independent Living, goal-based services. A grant of \$150,000 will fund the entire project budget and remove 13 consumers from the waiting list, satisfying 43 identified Independent Living goals. The applicant partners with The State of Nevada's Aging and Disabilities Services Division to fund their Independent Living Program. Once additional funding is secured for the Wait List Easement Project, consumers will be identified from the current waiting list and their cases will be activated. From that point, consumers ' cases will follow the organic progression of the applicant's Independent Living Program. Once removed from the waiting list, the process includes the collection of three contractor bids, the submission of the winning bid to the applicant's financial services department along with a detailed purchase order, executive review, the applicant issues the purchase order to the contractor and IL staff oversee the modification process while maintaining frequent contact with the consumer. When each consumer's IL goals have been satisfied, final interviews are conducted by the applicant' s team and noted in each case file. By fast-tracking the waiting process, at-risk Nevadans with disabilities will be able to remain in their homes and will be more likely to live fulfilled, productive lives.</p>
Evaluation Review	

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Positive Components	Donna – fantastic project, uses contractors, will make a huge change for 13 people, ability to make home ready for person with special needs is a great expense.
Negative Components	Tom – referenced ADSD contribution amount not clear, how does the amount requested fit or not fit into the amount previously received from ADSD, needs more info re: how this project doesn't fit into that grant mechanism. Donna – what is the unmet need?
Reasonableness of Budget	Fred – requesting \$1,153 per client, 13 clients, does not know if too high or too low, needs are variable. Donna – wheelchair friendly automobiles listed as well, and they are expensive.
Applicability of Budget	Tom – these are almost like one-of-a-kind subgrants, individualized needs such as wheelchair or a ramp, difficult as an evaluator to say if it does or does not make sense. Donna – as an example, having a wheelchair to roll into the shower is huge and will help individuals be independent.
Scope of Work	Tom – yes, activities address needs, have a waiting list and they know who needs what. Donna – yes, and examples were given. Fred – agrees.
GMU Questions to Clarify	What is the unmet need? How does this project fit or not fit in with ADSD's financial commitment? Is money needed because project does not fit ADSD's model?

Proposal 8:	Nevada Rural Counties RSVP Program (RSVP), Independent Living Transportation
Abstract:	<p>Nevada Rural Counties RSVP Program (RSVP) will expand and enhance transportation services in Nevada ' s 15 rural county service region including Carson City, Douglas, Elko, Humboldt, Lyon, Mineral, Nye, Esmeralda, Eureka, Storey, Lincoln, White Pine, Pershing, Lander, and Churchill Counties with escorted, on demand, door-to-door transportation services for low-income transit- dependent senior citizens (aged 60 and above) and adults with disabilities (aged 18-59).</p> <p>This service provides a vulnerable population with easy and reliable access to critical and essential services to help maintain their independence, self-sufficiency, and live in the community for as long as possible. RSVP's well trained and background checked volunteer drivers deliver services, and serve as companions, providing emotional support which helps relieve feelings of loneliness, isolation, and despair among this population. RSVP's evidence-based transportation program fosters independent living to help seniors and adults living with a disability with access to social supports, essential services, and goods, and remain in their homes for as long as possible rather than being institutionalized. RSVP's service delivery system keeps the client at the center of the relationship and promotes a care partner approach. Family members, volunteers, project staff and medical/social service professionals all work with the client to support them in their quest to remain independent.</p> <p>RSVP volunteers will provide escorted on demand door-to-door transportation to assist 400 seniors and adults with disabilities with access to medical appointments, dental services, physical therapy, dialysis, prescription pick up, grocery shopping, senior center lunch programs, socialization activities, and other essential trips. Critical food and medicine delivery, and telephone reassurance calls will be provided for clients who are social isolating due to COVID. Client self-assessments and personalized care plans are developed and evaluated regularly, and the annual client satisfaction survey will measure the</p>

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	<p>impact of the Transportation Program on improving quality of life, self-sufficiency, and living independently. RSVP will coordinate efforts with volunteers, service providers, and the community - to engage volunteers, recruit clients, make service referrals, and strengthen collaborative partnerships. RSVP collaborates with social workers, discharge planners, hospitals and the VA health system who routinely contact RSVP for transportation assistance for clients being discharged to help ease the transition back into their own homes. Project partners also include the Nevada Department of Transportation, Transit Mobility Managers, Elko County Transit, Storey County, Senior Centers, Carson City Sheriff's Office, Aging and Disability Services Division, Corporation for National & Community Service, Nevada Health Centers, Sanford Center for Aging, AARP Nevada Chapter, Nevada Ensures Support Together (NEST) Collaborative; and Family Resource Centers of Northeastern Nevada, Winnemucca and Ron Wood.</p> <p>RSVP respectfully requests \$114,274 under the FHN SFY 2021/2023 funding opportunity for transportation program personnel, travel for site visits and volunteer recruitment, supplies, telephone, advertising, and volunteer mileage and stipends. The Project will serve 400 (Year 1) and 450 (Year 2) seniors and adults with disabilities to ensure they have access to transportation services to support their independence and help them remain a vital part of their communities.</p>
Evaluation Review	
Positive Components	<p>Donna – felt it is fantastic, will affect 400 plus people in rural areas, transportation in rural areas is a big issue, program has many volunteers.</p> <p>Fred – likes the talk about partners, partners were listed and how they are working with the partners.</p> <p>Tom – looks like all hands-on deck in most counties, services go beyond transportation, emotional support is provided, have ongoing efforts through volunteer structure to generate other portions of the budget.</p>
Negative Components	no comments
Reasonableness of Budget	<p>Donna – 460 people served, very reasonable budget.</p> <p>Tom – very reasonable budget, proven they can spend money wisely.</p> <p>Fred – agrees</p>
Applicability of Budget	no comment
Scope of Work	<p>Donna – yes</p> <p>Tom – they noted that they survey the folks they are working with, got 98.4% satisfaction rate.</p> <p>Fred – objectives are clear, activities and how they will be documented, expanding on program.</p>
GMU Questions to Clarify	none

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GMU Recommendation for GMAC Consideration:

Fund proposals to Average score of 60%; in this category, this would be reflective of all proposals submitted. GMU will complete technical adjustments to ensure the budget and program parameters of the NOFO are in compliance.

Funding as recommended will ensure regional coverage statewide and will obligate all of the \$550,000 in Fund for Healthy Nevada and \$212,617 in Title XX funding annually for SFY 22 and 23.

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Respite Services | \$640,000 Annually

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4	NN Rave	84.3	86	61	90.5	80.5	\$294,337	\$294,337	Northern
5	Amplify Life	68.5	86.5	67.5	77.8	75.1	\$54,433	\$54,433	Northern
2	ALS Assoc-NV Chapter	73	89.2	70.5	67.5	75.1	\$34,560	\$34,560	Statewide
6	Lyon County HS	60.7	90	73.5	63	71.8	\$38,865	\$38,865	Northern
7	Foundation for Positively Kids	57.2	70	51	67.8	61.5	\$101,690	\$101,690	Southern
9	East Valley Family Svcs	51.3	63.7	72.5	55	60.6	\$89,877	\$89,877	Southern
1	Family Council of DC	58.5	63	33.7	54.7	52.5	\$111,285	\$111,285	Douglas
8	Neighbor Network	54.2	60.2	39	46.7	50.0	\$223,034	\$223,034	Northern

Evaluator Review

Proposal 1:	Family Support Council of Douglas County
Abstract:	<p>Our respite services promote an individual or family centered approach in care planning and delivery. No matter if it is one person or an entire family, we provide direct services to give them the help and support they need. We offer these services free of charge. We provide this support in many ways and collaborate with many agencies in Douglas County, NV. We have a confidential shelter where we provide advocacy, crisis intervention, and promote self-sufficiency. While at the shelter, we teach parenting courses, financial planning, peer counseling, offer therapy and participation in a support group. We offer the same training to individuals not in our confidential shelter. We do thousands of hours yearly in respite for families who have children or who are the guardians for individuals with physical or developmental disabilities. We actively collaborate with the Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California, Safe Embrace, CAAW, Live Violence Free, and Rural Regional Center. We consistently receive and send referrals to local organizations and agencies such as DCSO, Douglas County Social Services, Douglas Counseling and Supportive Services, Tahoe Youth and Family Services, and FISH. Our target area is Douglas County, which includes the Stateline Nevada casino district at South Lake Tahoe, the townships of Gardnerville, Minden, Genoa, Topaz Lake, Smith Valley and extends all the way to the Southern top of the Carson City area from Clear Creek Road in the Carson Valley, and all of the rural areas such as Topaz Lake.</p> <p>We would like to request a grant in the amount of \$111,285, to be used in the following manner: Personnel expenses for our Executive Director, Program Directors, Program Managers, and Case Managers who oversee and deliver respite services in the amount of \$90,955. Fuel for our Program managers and directors to transport individuals and families receiving respite support in the amount of \$1,044. We request for operating expenses for our offices and shelter supplies, communications, and utilities in the amount of \$2,523. We request for other operating expenses for printing, insurance, workers compensation, NV Dept. of Employment, Training and Rehab and our annual audit in the amount of \$8,520. Indirect costs for administrative work and other areas of indirect expenses such as maintenance, in the amount of \$8,243. This brings the total of our ask to \$111,285.</p>
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Positive Components	<p>Julie – is located in Douglas County which has few sources for respite</p> <p>Erika – only resource in Douglas County.</p> <p>Tim – agrees.</p>
Negative Components	<p>Erika – weak in real examples beyond having a shelter to provide respite services, thought respite was to provide relief for caretakers, no examples of specific respite services examples.</p> <p>Tim – unclear on what is desired to achieve and how to achieve.</p>
Reasonableness of Budget	<p>Julie – concerns about budget, how much currently getting unclear, funds seemed to go to staff (salaries).</p> <p>Lisa – didn’t apply or include justifications, also concerned missing justifications for the “other” category, not sure what was being asked for and why it is important.</p> <p>Erika – all of the ask was to bolster staff salaries, there is disconnect on what services are being expanded, specifics were lacking - such as increased availability/hours.</p> <p>Tim – did not explain why funds were required.</p>
Applicability of Budget	<p>Lisa – scope mentions increasing staff but increases not reflected in the budget.</p> <p>Tim – did not explain plan of achievement, scope is too general and broad, just says “this is what we are going to do, and here we are doing it”, needed more detailed information, step-by-step plan.</p> <p>Julie – currently providing services to 35 and want to increase to 150 individuals, how that will happen unclear</p> <p>Erika – unclear of what respite services are currently provided (reimburse care givers? provide direct care?) and if other activities are funded by these dollars? Was unsure why confidential shelter was referenced as the place respite services would be provided.</p> <p>Julietta answered – some agencies have volunteers who go out and provide respite services to the families, the volunteers are reimbursed for the time spent, some agencies do in-person respite care where younger people are dropped off at a facility to allow caregivers time to activities such as errands or shopping</p>
Scope of Work	<p>Budget justification?</p> <p>Enhanced scope of work – 35 individuals to 150?</p> <p>Confidential shelter as location for respite services?</p>

Proposal 2:	ALS Association Nevada Chapter
Abstract:	<p>Amotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) was first identified in 1869, and later named in 1939 after Lou Gehrig, a famous baseball player who lost his life to the devastating disease. ALS is a progressive neurodegenerative disease that affects nerve cells in the brain and the spinal cord. When the motor neurons die, the ability of the brain to initiate and control muscle movement is lost and voluntary muscle action declines. This progressive degeneration of motor neurons eventually leads to paralysis and death. To help individuals facing ALS, the national ALS Association was established in 1985. The ALS Association Nevada Chapter, an affiliate of the national association, was founded in 2004; it is the only ALS related non-profit organization in Nevada. The mission of the ALS Association Nevada Chapter is to discover treatments and a cure for ALS, and to serve, advocate for, and empower Nevadans affected by ALS to live their lives to the fullest. To that end, the ALS Association Nevada Chapter provides multiple services statewide for those living with ALS, often referred to as pALS, or People with ALS, and their families. The services provided by the ALS Association Nevada Chapter include providing comprehensive care service coordination; providing adaptive and durable medical equipment and aids for daily living; and coordinating respite and other types of pALS/caregiver community support. Overall, the ALS Association Nevada Chapter provides state-wide direct services to approximately 100 pALS and their families on an annual basis.</p> <p>The broad, diverse array of services currently offered by the ALS Association Nevada Chapter already incorporates many of the targeted programs, services, and activities</p>

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	<p>that are supported by the Fund for Healthy Nevada. To that end, the ALS Association Nevada Chapter proposes to support/augment its delivery of Respite Services. If awarded, the ALS Association Nevada Chapter would support the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respite Services: Respite care reduces caregiver burnout and allows caregivers to better serve pALS by supporting the implementation of plans of care for themselves. Respite services may be short or long-term and may be provided in or outside of the home. Respite services may be provided by formal programs and providers or can be offered by pALS informal support networks like family members, friends, or individuals within the community. The ALS Association Nevada Chapter Care Service Coordinators partner with pALS and their families to develop and access respite arrangements that best meet their needs. Respite care may be provided by coordinating and issuing payment directly to providers or reimbursing pALS and caregivers for respite care expenses. While in 2019, the ALS Association Nevada Chapter coordinated 2,884 hours of respite for pALS and their families, like other services offered, respite requests/needs exceed availability. <p>For the purpose of this proposal, the ALS Association Nevada Chapter is requesting an additional \$32,000 to help meet respite request needs that cannot currently be supported.</p> <p>If awarded, this would fund an additional 1,600 of respite services for pALS and their families. The total budget request for this proposal is \$34,560, including the indirect rate (8%).</p>
Evaluation Review	
Positive Components	<p>Erika – good explanation of services provided, long track record of other resources received, dedicated to providing respite services, recommend full funding.</p> <p>Tim – clearly explained need, activities, and resources that would be required to fulfill the program, recommended full funding.</p> <p>Lisa – recommended partial funding.</p> <p>Julie – strong application with clear info re: target population, services, and how services will be provided, recommended full funding.</p>
Negative Components	<p>Lisa – proposal discussed national organization sustainability, contained little info on local chapter sustainability, contained a lot of emphasis re: executive director and board of directors, contained little info re: who is actually providing services</p>
Reasonableness of Budget	<p>Lisa – requested \$20 per hour for respite care – justification unclear re: what funds cover.</p> <p>Erika – information unclear re: direct charges – does \$20/hour go to the caretakers? Is there a limit/cap?</p> <p>Julieta – there is a set dollar amount per family for vouchers, some families need more help than others.</p> <p>Connie – usually done agency and agency, considered part of their subgrant award, should be in budget narrative. Will include as a question.</p> <p>Julie – scope needed more information.</p>
Applicability of Budget	<p>Tim – \$20 per hour may be in scope as reimbursement for respite services, but not enough information, scope was consistent with narrative.</p> <p>Lisa – scope of work missing measurable outcomes.</p>
Scope of Work	<p>\$20 per hour – what services do funds cover? Clarify budget narrative.</p> <p>Scope – measurable outcomes?</p> <p>Is there a cap on the respite services provided, allotment per family?</p>

Proposal 3:	Nevada Rural Counties RSVP Program (RSVP), Respite
Abstract:	Nevada Rural Counties RSVP Program (RSVP) will provide respite care to senior caregivers who provide 24/7 care for disabled and elderly family members suffering from Dementia, Alzheimer's, COPD, and many other debilitating disorders. The Respite Program will be provided in RSVP's 15 rural county service region (Carson City, Churchill, Douglas, Elko, Esmeralda, Eureka, Humboldt, Lander, Lyon, Lincoln, Mineral, Nye, Pershing, Storey, White Pine) and Washoe County.

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	<p>Caregiver support through respite care is vital in lowering the stress levels of caregivers, by giving them a break to allow for a healthier quality of life, longer life expectancy, and prevent the institutionalization of their loved ones or even themselves by never having a break from the demands of caregiving. RSVP volunteer caregivers provide 8 to 10 hours of respite care each week to a family. Studies show that 40% of caregivers become ill or die before the person being cared for, thus increasing the likelihood that the loved one will be institutionalized.</p> <p>RSVP will expand and enhance respite services throughout rural Nevada, Carson City and Washoe County with Volunteer Respite Workers to provide caregivers who care for disabled and elderly family members with essential lifesaving breaks. Caregivers will be relieved from the responsibilities of caregiving to improve their health, quality of life, and help them attend to their own needs and not succumb to stress. Care recipients will maintain their independence, receive person-centered care, and avoid premature institutionalization.</p> <p>The Respite Care Program places its emphasis on person-centered practices and uses this approach during client assessments and service plan development. Through appropriate referrals, coordination and collaboration with the family, volunteers, physicians, and other social services agencies - senior citizens (age 60 and above) or adults (age 18-59) with a disability who are being cared for at home, is at the center of their own care with the needs of the caregiver(s) considered.</p> <p>RSVP's holistic approach will provide coordination and collaboration with volunteers, physicians, social service agencies and coalitions that work to address the needs of family caregivers. Project partners include the Sanford Center for Aging, Alzheimer's Association of N. Nevada and California, Nevada Aging and Disability Services Division, Dementia Friendly Nevada Initiative, Nevada Lifespan Respite Care Coalition, and Caregiver Support Initiative. Additionally, RSVP will utilize unique training programs and opportunities to foster respite provider competence and improve caregiver/care recipient well-being. These include Respite Education and Support Tools (REST), Dementia Friends Champion, and the Java Music Program.</p> <p>RSVP respectfully requests \$192,855 under the FHN SFY 2021/2023 funding opportunity for Respite program personnel; travel for program staff to perform site visits, volunteer recruitment, client service plans, outreach and education; office supplies for 9 field office locations; training materials; and operating expenses including Volunteer Respite Worker incentives. The Project will serve 110 family caregivers in Year 1 and 120 family caregivers in Year 2 through high quality respite care to alleviate stress among caregivers and care recipients with disabilities which will improve their health, independence, and self-sufficiency.</p>
Evaluation Review	
Positive Components	<p>Erika – excellent application, recommended partial funding because they asked for more than anyone else, established provider, many collaborators, used volunteers, offers services in rural counties, understands community service, well equipped to provide services.</p> <p>Lisa – clear and well-defined proposal, organization, program, goals, and objectives well defined, recommended partial funding.</p> <p>Tim – great community support, vast volunteer program.</p>
Negative Components	<p>Tim – proposal covers vast geographic area – concern if will be able to fulfill requirements with such a vast area to cover.</p> <p>Lisa – good that collaboration with Northern Nevada RAVE was discussed but it was unclear whether there were other suppliers of duplicate services, lots of emphasis on oversight, not much emphasis on key personnel doing the work, client success stories missing.</p>
Reasonableness of Budget	<p>Julie – if volunteers are paid are they still volunteers?</p> <p>Lisa – thought the proposal was trying to show value of volunteer hours, no justifications for supplies.</p> <p>Erika – volunteer hours/pay defined on page 24 under 'other', travel expenses are clear.</p> <p>Tim – RSVP pays volunteers.</p>
Applicability of Budget	<p>Lisa – good measurable outcomes</p> <p>Tim – scope is split for each year with different comprehensive goals per year, comprehensive in demonstrated numbers, did scope exceed number of pages (per year)?</p> <p>Erika – good tracking and performance measures</p>
Scope of Work	Was scope of work page limit exceeded?

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Proposal 4:	Northern Nevada RAVE
Abstract:	<p>The Northern Nevada R.A.V.E. Family Foundation (RAVE) is requesting \$294,337 to support the continued growth and future development of the RAVE respite care programs for families caring for children with developmental disabilities, a special health care need, and children in foster care. RAVE was established in 1995 through a grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services with the goal to prevent child abuse and neglect for children with disabilities. RAVE accomplishes this through training youth volunteers to care for these exceptional children in our diverse respite programs: the RAVE Family Center for children 3 months to 6 years of age, the Jr. and Teen RAVE Center and community-based programs for juniors and teens 7 to 22 years old, and the Respite Voucher Program for families unable to utilize center-based respite care.</p> <p>According to the U.S. Center for Disease Control, developmental disabilities affect approximately one out of every seven children. The Washoe County School District reports over 9,000 students with an individualized education plan (IEP), a plan developed for children with special needs. These figures show the need for respite care in Washoe County and Northern Nevada is growing, constant, essential, and larger than our region’s current ability to provide it. This is reflected in the ever-increasing number of children and families RAVE serves annually. From 2013 to 2020, RAVE saw an increase in the number of children served in all three of RAVE’s respite care programs: 464% growth in the RAVE Family Center; 397% growth in the Jr. and Teen RAVE programs. RAVE has served families who travel into Reno/Sparks to utilize our services from counties such as Douglas, Lyon, and Carson City. Families from further counties such as Elko would utilize RAVE if it were feasible.</p> <p>Our programs improve the quality of care parents provide to their children. Positive interactions in a welcoming social setting is also an important factor for youth with disabilities to develop social and independent living skills. As RAVE’s respite sessions are available at no cost, we provide respite to a wide range of families, including underserved and low-income households. For families with limited access to transportation, RAVE operates satellite sites at The Rock Church, Nevada Early Intervention Services, and the Boys & Girls Club.</p> <p>As the only center-based respite care program for children with developmental disabilities in Washoe County, RAVE is seeking support to not only continue to care for currently enrolled families, but to assist RAVE in reaching new families by offering more respite care sessions and by recruiting more Respite Service Providers who administer our sessions. RAVE also plans to continue providing respite vouchers for families to receive qualified respite in their homes who are unable to attend center-based sessions either due to underlying health conditions during the COVID-19 pandemic or who live too far from RAVE’s locations. Finally, RAVE is seeking funds to open satellite sites in Carson City and Elko, two locations where families with children with disabilities are severely underserved.</p>
Evaluation Review	
Positive Components	<p>Tim – enthusiastic expansion of their services, well described and documented, appears will be able to implement plan.</p> <p>Lisa – abstract and sustainability plan were clear and well-defined, discussed major accomplishments during pandemic and tied in with success level, focused on capabilities of staff providing services with less emphasis on the oversight of the executive director.</p> <p>Erika – recommended partial funding as amount was 30% of total, strong application, good that serving children with disabilities.</p>
Negative Components	<p>Erika – needed more on performance measures other than attendance sheets.</p> <p>Tim – considering the current COVID 19 climate and the vast geographic area will they be able to expand as much as they want, what will they do if they can’t expand?</p> <p>Lisa – did not clarify if using an electronic health records system.</p>
Reasonableness of Budget	<p>Lisa – recommended partial funding, needed more clarity on volunteer incentives – why are they needed</p> <p>Tim – budget well defined but would have liked better justification on operating expenses.</p> <p>Erika – are youth volunteer incentives allowed? (SWAG, light meals, and snacks).</p>
Applicability of Budget	<p>Julie – discusses what will do with funding if can’t spend on activities.</p> <p>Lisa – only scope that provided info re: what will do if can’t spend due to pandemic, contingency plan.</p> <p>Tim – contingency plan good but does not explain how it will be executed.</p>

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Scope of Work	How will they expand considering the current COVID 19 climate and the vast geographic area? Using electronic health records tracking system? Need more clarity re: justification and use of volunteer incentives.
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Proposal 5:	Amplify Life
Abstract:	<p>Amplify Life is seeking funding from the Fund for a Healthy Nevada (FHN) “to improve access and coordination for respite services and support” through our Respite Program for 50 unduplicated families and caregivers per year of each project period for the children, teens, or adults with an intellectual, developmental, learning, communication, and/or emotional disability that we serve through our year-round programming in northern Nevada (Washoe and surrounding counties). Partners for the proposed project include the Sierra Regional Center, the Community Services Agency, and Sierra Nevada Journeys. Amplify Life has been providing critical respite opportunities for caregivers in partnership with the Sierra Regional Center for more than 20 years. Our respite services provide a much-needed break from the physical and emotional demands of caregiving and allows caregivers and families to take the opportunity to relax, recharge, and reconnect, to take care of other family members, or to attend to everyday activities without interruption while their loved one is participating in our safe and enjoyable programs. Amplify Life’s respite services and supports are provided through the valuable programs for the individuals with disabilities that we serve including our Zoom classes, or in person programs at our Skills and Recreation Center, and our various recreational, life-expanding camp programs. These programs provide after school and weekend skills courses, cooking classes, social and recreational classes, games, art and crafts, and community exploration and afford individuals with disabilities the opportunities to live, learn, and play as a vital part of their community. Programs goals are to decrease the stress and strain of families and caregivers of persons with disabilities through the provision of high-quality respite services and to improve the emotional and social health and wellness for 50 clients with disabilities for an estimated 2,000 hours of respite per project period, through the provision of high-quality respite programs. The disability service array in northern Nevada is minimal and has been historically underdeveloped.</p> <p>In order to improve access and coordination for respite services and supports, it is crucial to have multiple providers offering respite, programs, skills training, and supportive services to meet the unmet needs of this population and their families and offer choice to Nevadans. The total FHN request for each project period is \$54,433 for a total of \$108,866 over two years and will provide for direct services by paying for personnel with less than 10% in indirect costs. Outcomes will be tracked through sign-in sheets, post-program surveys, and customer feedback.</p>
Evaluation Review	
Positive Components	<p>Lisa – goals objectives well defined with measurable outcomes, first to define how administrative oversight is applicable to overall program.</p> <p>Tim – very defined number of clients looking to serve, justified everything to that number of clients, project well-conceived and designed, good goals and objectives.</p>
Negative Components	<p>Lisa – listed “other surrounding counties”, would have been better to list county names, sustainability plan too generic and not well defined, needed more information re: plans for future, if not funded then where will funds come from? Major accomplishments not well defined as they related to respite and the purpose of the grant.</p> <p>Erika – are they providing camp to kids remotely? Focus not clear in application.</p>
Reasonableness of Budget	<p>Lisa – no supplies or travel requested, unsure if activities were virtual.</p> <p>Erika – appears budget is for two staff members and fringe.</p> <p>Tim – described other staff members who are probably doing direct service, but they were not included in staffing for this budget, needed more explanation for costs involved, how will virtual services be provided?</p>
Applicability of Budget	<p>Lisa – goals in scope of work vague, were really definitions of overall achievements, goals were well-defined in the grant but not in the scope of work, scope doesn’t match narrative.</p> <p>Erika – agrees, no clarification re: implementation programs</p>

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Scope of Work	Expansion on contingency plan during pandemic?
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Proposal 6:	Lyon County Human Services
Abstract:	<p>Lyon County is a unique rural county in Northern Nevada that spans over 2,000 square miles with five distinct communities that include Dayton, Silver Springs, Fernley, Yerington, and Smith Valley/Wellington. Lyon County's population is growing quickly with an average of 4% increase each year and with a disproportionately large number of people aged 55 or older for an area of its size. According to the census quick facts, 14.5% of Lyon County residents under the age of 65 have a disability. It is estimated that over 200 million hours of care were provided by informal caregivers in 2014 (The State of the States in Family Caregiver Support, Nevada Profile).</p> <p>The mission of Lyon County Human Services (LCHS) is to enhance the well-being of individuals and families across the lifespan. The department delivers on this mission through four divisions including Administrative Services, Children Services, Adult Services, and Senior Services. The target populations for this funding opportunity are Lyon County residents who provide caregiving services. This includes informal caregivers of any age who care for adults age 60 and older, grandparents/relatives age 55 or older caring for a child, age 18 or younger. This funding would supplement existing funding to expand the Senior Services Division's Caregiver Support Program.</p> <p>The Caregiver Support Program utilizes the Powerful Tools for Caregivers (PTC) curriculum. PTC was developed to reach caregivers of adults with chronic conditions. PTC curriculum was later expanded to include classes for in-home caregivers, working caregivers, long-distance caregivers, and grandparent caregivers.</p> <p>"The PTC class curriculum meets the highest-level criteria of evidence-based disease prevention and health promotion programs per the Administration on Aging/Administration for Community Living. The PTC class series received a 2007 National Family Caregiving Award" (https://www.powerfultoolsforcaregivers.org). The Caregiver Classes meet once a week for six weeks and will provide caregivers with tools and strategies to better handle the unique caregiver challenges they face. These classes are led by certified, experienced leaders and range in size from 2-15 caregivers.</p> <p>LCHS has already implemented PTC within Lyon County and has two fully trained and certified staff members, this funding of \$38,865.00 would increase the program by a .5 FTE who would become a certified trainer and allow for more classes and support services to be offered.</p>
Evaluation Review	
Positive Components	<p>Erika – strong application, over \$2 million in other funding, established plan for evaluating performance measures, application is one of the better ones received from the rural counties, they are a newer agency trying to get out into the community.</p> <p>Lisa – community organizations and partnerships were well described, capabilities of the team were clear.</p> <p>Tim – as a county agency they have a great idea and are doing the best to help residents in the county.</p>
Negative Components	<p>Lisa – would have liked more information re: duplicate services and referrals.</p> <p>Julie – does it count as respite when they are teaching skills to the senior caregivers of youth? Is it an allowable expense?</p> <p>Connie – yes, education to care givers and respite providers is considered an allowable expense.</p> <p>Erika – unclear on the objectives - identifying caregivers, if can't identify caregivers then how do they provide services, unclear if there is a plan for that, the proposal identified they need caregivers but not how to get them, need sustainability plan goals.</p> <p>Lisa – application is missing a sustainability plan, proposal included information re: curriculum which is irrelevant to the question, the organization description lacked major successes, no goals, objectives, or measurable outcomes described in the project implementation.</p>
Reasonableness of Budget	<p>Lisa – unclear how staff will travel, supplies they would have, who will pay for curriculum, any virtual needs.</p> <p>Tim – a "half-time" person was described in the budget narrative, it is presumed the rest of the funding would come from another source.</p>

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Applicability of Budget	Julie – needed the number of people to be offered services Lisa – agrees, measurable outcomes were lacking
Scope of Work	What are the measurable outcomes?

Proposal 7:	Foundation for Positively Kids
Abstract:	<p>The Foundation for Positively Kids is a non-profit organization well-established as a provider of children’s health care services, with an emphasis on medically fragile and/or special needs children and their families, serving Clark County for over 20 years. The overall purpose of this application is to improve access and coordination for respite services and supports for 45 children with special healthcare needs living in Clark County. Respite care is provided during normal business hours, and nights and weekends/holidays are available upon request. Positively Kids’ respite services promote a family centered approach in care planning and caregiver support. Respite is a period of rest, relief, and rejuvenation, which relieves stress, restores energy, and promotes balance in the life of family members.</p> <p>Objectives include: providing in-home respite services for an annual average of 45 disabled/special needs children; A secondary goal is to reduce isolation and increase opportunities for disabled and special needs children to interact and socialize with other children through participation in our extended medical daycare respite program..</p> <p>Positively Kids provides in-home respite care for disabled children aged birth to 18. We provide temporary, short term, in-home respite care for families and primary caregivers to restore and strengthen their ability to continue caring for a child with medical fragility, special needs, chronic disability, or a child that is at risk of abuse or neglect. Using respite care helps caregivers to maintain their mental stability and physical wellbeing. We also enable special needs children to interact with other children by placing them in our extended care medical daycare program which provides a skilled nurse to accompany medically fragile and/or special needs children to the daycare program.</p> <p>Positively Kids employs only licensed nursing personnel, including bi-cultural/bi-lingual staff. We follow the tenants of a patient centered medical home in caring for children in all of our programs. At Positively Kids data collection for respite services is the responsibility of our Grants Manager, Jolie Courtney. Patient data is recorded in our electronic medical record system from which respite services data will be drawn. Overseeing performance measurement is primarily the task of the Nursing Supervisor. Required grant fiscal and service reporting is done by the Grants Manager.</p> <p>At Positively Kids we maintain a Performance Improvement Committee which meets regularly to review service performance and to recommend any changes needed to improve overall performance and/or patient outcomes. Project data is reviewed and analyzed to determine overall satisfaction with services and to identify any changes in programing that are needed.</p> <p>Grant funds are requested in the amount of \$101,690 for 2021-22 and \$101,690 for 2022-23 and will be used to provide skilled nursing respite services for 45 Clark County medically fragile and/or special needs children and their families per year.</p>

Evaluation Review

Positive Components	Erika – good application, well established agency, bi-cultural and bi-lingual staff, good handle on service population
Negative Components	Julie – weak on community organizations and partnerships, there may be few partnerships Lisa – agrees, shocked there were no other partnerships listed, successes unclear, data collection vague, not enough information re: key personnel – who is doing the work?

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	<p>Tim – part of the reason could be that they are describing medical as opposing non-medical, their focus is there is no other agency doing things in terms of medical care, glossed over the success stories, the collection of data seemed to be sparse with regarding to services provided</p> <p>Erika – they view themselves as the only agency providing these services for kids (medical services), mentioned they are funded by Clark County Department of Family Services which was confusing</p>
Reasonableness of Budget	<p>Lisa – no justification included for operating expenses, indirect confusing</p> <p>Erika – impression is they receive funding to provide nursing services and they want this grant funds to provide in home care</p> <p>Tim – agrees, good that they are paying for program people not primarily administrative help</p>
Applicability of Budget	<p>Erika – the agency might need hand holding in terms of navigating this grant, seems they may have less of an understanding of what needs to be provided to support what they are doing, may need to treat them like a new subrecipient</p> <p>Tim – the scope lacks details, was too generic with standard answers to questions, needed more thought</p>
Scope of Work	

Proposal 8:	Neighbor Network of Northern Nevada
Abstract:	<p>The Neighbor Network of Northern Nevada (N4) connects people for inclusive, community-based services, volunteer opportunities, and affordable transportation, and is committed to a person-centered approach by planning services with community members (not just for them). In the end of 2019, N4 began implementing a project that aimed to bring a brand-new respite model and supplemental services to family care partners of people with disabilities and older adults in Northern Nevada. This collaborative model allows for choice and self-direction, without limiting a family's access to safe and trained support staff. With support from the Fund for a Healthy Nevada, N4's Community Care program will continue to incorporate the five core services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Counseling/Support Groups/Caregiver Training: Care consultation (to include telehealth) and expert National Task Group on Intellectual Disabilities and Dementia Practices (NTG) training for at least 76 family care partners of adults over the age of 60. • Respite Care: N4 will provide in-home and community-focused services to people with disabilities over the age of 18 and older adults; particularly those at the highest risk for institutionalization including people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, dementia, and/or related cognitive impairments. Families may choose to have a known friend or family member provide their respite care, or they may choose to have N4 recruit a respite care staff (Community Care Partner) for them. Either way, anyone providing respite care must become an N4 employee and complete an orientation training, background check, and CPR/First Aid certification. 76 will receive up to 20 hours per month of respite services. Requests for additional hours will be assessed on a case-by-case basis. • Supplemental Services: With the use of funding from other sources, N4 will provide transportation vouchers, personal smartphones, and related training for participants to request rides and for use during care consultations and telehealth services. Upon request, N4 will connect project participants with a local community partner for initial mobility screenings, home safety evaluations, and adaptive equipment. At least 80 participants needing assistive devices (such as power wheelchairs, manual wheelchairs, walkers, etc.) will receive this support at no cost. • Access Assistance: Each family will be provided with training and support to learn how to utilize Nevada's No Wrong Door system to locate their local Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC), take the Nevada Care Connection online self-assessment to link to other home and community-based services, as well as use the Nevada 2-1-1 online and telephone resource directory. Each information and referral request will be documented by an N4 program coordinator with scheduled follow-up contacts to assess whether the family accessed the service, and why or why not; further assistance will be provided as needed. • Information Services: Throughout the course of this two-year project, N4 will facilitate virtual and in-person group presentations to disseminate information about caregiver support services and respite workforce training information.
Evaluation Review	
Positive Components	<p>Erika – good that it is a newer agency in Northern Nevada, began in 2015, good to add agencies</p> <p>Tim – have good partnerships for being a young agency, appear to be able to work with partners</p>

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	Julie – trying to do innovative things, looking at what people in community want
Negative Components	<p>Erika – as a new agency they have limited experience and are asking for four new positions, looking to travel to areas to provide respite services, although goals and objectives are admirable there are concerns with their capacity to implement them with their new status and limited experience, pandemic condition may affect abilities</p> <p>Lisa – abstract missing the defined target area, project partners, and budgetary information which were all required, sustainability plan was too general, would have been good to have the geography defined, difficult to determine if answers were appropriate and clear, timeline for goals and objectives too wordy, would have been better in a table</p> <p>Tim – better if had less words, more succinct words</p> <p>Julie – better if they would have focused on one program or area, the programs and areas were mixed together</p>
Reasonableness of Budget	<p>Lisa – justifications missing for operating expenses and other</p> <p>Erika – seemed funds were desired for new positions in order to fill capacity, only provided one resume, does agency only have one employee or would other employees be not funded (application only asked for one resume for key personnel)</p> <p>Julie – info needed re: how many current employees do they have? How many are they lacking? Needed explanation on who will use and how laptop will be used.</p> <p>Tim – expansion may have been a little bit fast, no timeline included for hiring, little explanation re: laptop (5 new people and only 1 new laptop), is budget not supposed to be less than 50% or up to 50%? (not a requirement for this NOFO)</p>
Applicability of Budget	Lisa - all could have been done in goal one, narrative not well defined, sustainability plan should not be a goal itself and should have been removed, goals 2 and 3 could have been made more concise and added as activities for goal one, would have been good to include more measurable outcomes than just partnerships,
Scope of Work	<p>Justifications for operating and other expenses?</p> <p>How will laptop be used? Who will be using the laptop?</p> <p>Timeline for hiring five new employees?</p>

Proposal 9:	East Valley Family Services, R.O.S.E. (Respite, Opportunity, Support, Education)
Abstract:	<p>R.O.S.E. (Respite, Opportunity, Support, Education) is designed to assist caregivers age 55 and over who have guardianship of children from birth to 18 by providing Respite, Opportunities, Support and Education. The program is a combination of our current Senior Respite and Grand Tech Programs. Senior Respite has been in place for over 9 years and Grand Tech for 1 year. Together they are a complete package.</p> <p>"Respite" funding in the amount of \$600 a year per family, provides funding to support children's activities such as sports, after school clubs, childcare, music lessons, etc., giving caregivers time to replenish themselves. "Opportunity" is provided for caregivers to engage in a virtual platform using a tablet. The tablet is distributed and setup with account information during an initial meeting with a R.O.S.E. Program Specialist. A monthly food spending budget in the amount of \$75.00 per month for 12 months, is awarded to each family. Funding is established through a Post Mate account. Caregivers access their account using a tablet to purchase groceries or dining out with food delivery. "Support" is provided through a monthly virtual support group meeting on the 4th Tuesday of each month. Weekly check-ins are also conducted by the Program Manager. The Family, Senior and Disability Resource Center is also offered to caregivers to assist with application assistance, identification needs, transportation, clothing, hygiene items, household items, school supplies, mental and physical health referrals, legal matters, etc. "Education" is</p>

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	<p>offered to children via virtual story times twice a month. Teen Chat is held once a month with specific topics for teens to discuss. Birthdays and special accomplishments are recognized through certificates of achievement mailed home. Recognizing children in these circumstances are vulnerable just as much as their caregivers makes including them in the R.O.S.E. program and important area of focus.</p> <p>Direct referrals are received from community partners. Caregivers are always welcome to refer themselves. Community partners receive a monthly calendar of events, access to our agency website and contact information for the Program Manager. R.O.S.E. Program presentations are also conducted at partnering agency events, virtual meetings in person and virtual tours. R.O.S.E. Program information can also be found on our agency Facebook page.</p> <p>Data collection for the program consists of an assessment of strengths, sign-in sheets for meetings & children's activities, spending logs for food and/or delivered meals, SAMS input, pre & post program surveys, monthly & quarterly reports, and staff training logs. Electronic and physical files are created and stored with password protection. Physical files are stored in locked file cabinets and overseen by the Director of Programs and The R.O.S.E. Program Manager.</p> <p>The R.O.S.E. Program will be implemented under the direction of Jessica Mc Gee, Director of Programs, Ann Taylor, Director of Administration & Finance, Shannon Cole, Family Resource Center Manager, and Travis Brown, Family Support Specialist. Funding for the Senior Respite Program funds will be used to pay for staff salaries, respite activities, Post Mate food budgets, and supplies for a total amount of \$89,877.</p>
Evaluation Review	
Positive Components	<p>Erika – established agency, gets referrals from community partners, good details on how performance is measured</p> <p>Tim – enthusiastic</p> <p>Erika – voucher program but separating respite care from a food budget, collaborated with UNLV and Three-Square, unique area of collaboration</p>
Negative Components	<p>Lisa – proposal struggled to answer the why, missing sustainability plan, how they are funded was vague, goals, objectives, and measurable outcomes not really there.</p> <p>Tim – not sure if this is a voucher program, talked about giving money directly to clients, have two different dollar figures, unsure what they were planning to do and how they were going to do it.</p>
Reasonableness of Budget	<p>Lisa – budget poorly formatted, hard to decipher application request from answers given, no justification provided for office supplies or food allotment</p> <p>Tim – concern re: \$600, is it a one-time disbursement? How much does that pay for day care? What is the frequency of disbursement? Other proposals seem to have more long-term view.</p> <p>Erika – nature of respite services is to provide a little extra support, it's not a long-term plan</p> <p>Lisa – no justification causes lots of questions.</p>
Applicability of Budget	<p>Lisa – no overarching goal listed for goal number one, activities not concise enough, just objectives listed which are not goals</p> <p>Erika – thought goal was specific enough</p> <p>Tim – they don't define how they will provide the vouchers which was major portion of the narrative</p>
Scope of Work	<p>Frequency of disbursement of \$600?</p> <p>How will vouchers be provided?</p>

GMU Recommendation for GMAC Consideration:

Fund proposals to Average score of 60%; in this category, this would be reflective of the first 7 proposals. GMU will complete technical adjustments to ensure the budget and program parameters of the NOFO are in compliance.

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Funding as recommended will ensure regional coverage statewide and will obligate all of the \$640,000 in Fund for Healthy Nevada and \$166,617 in Title XX funding annually for SFY 22 and 23.

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Positive Behavior Support Services | \$320,000 Annually

- Total Proposals Received: 4 proposals, totaling \$756,189

Proposals Ranked by Evaluators:

Prop #	Organization	LB	SH	SY	Average	Year 1	Year 2	Region
1	BOR-UNR	87.8	69	99	85.3	\$320,000	\$320,000	Statewide
3	United Citizen Founda	88.2	70	80	79.4	\$149,485	\$149,485	Southern
2	Boys Town	68	62	95	75.0	\$136,704	\$136,704	Southern
4	Clark County FS	73.5	60.5	84.5	72.8	\$150,000	\$150,000	Southern

Evaluator Review:

Proposal 1:	Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE), University of Nevada Reno (UNR), Positive Behavior Support-Nevada Family Project (PBS-NV Family)
Abstract:	<p>The Positive Behavior Support-Nevada Family Project (PBS-NV Family) will provide cost effective, empirically validated services that are accessible and responsive to the needs of families and community providers who support individuals with disabilities and challenging behaviors. Currently in Nevada, quality behavior support services are difficult to access due to the high demand for services and the small number of qualified and licensed providers. Additionally, diagnosis and location are barriers to accessing these specific services. This project will increase behavior support access for youth and families to enhance lifestyle and quality of life, while building the capacity of family members/caregivers to promote positive behaviors across environments for youth with disabilities and/or behavioral needs. Through two goals, the PBS-NV Family project will provide an empirically validated, function-based approach to supporting individuals with disabilities and challenging behavior.</p> <p>Goal #1 is to provide in-person Positive Behavior Support training and technical assistance to parents/caregivers/providers that support youth with disabilities and/or challenging behaviors in their homes and communities. This will be accomplished through a series of live workshops available to teams that provide a hierarchy of support based on the needs of the individual. Each workshop will include functional assessments the development of a person-centered behavior support plan. Individual direct observations and consultations with a Licensed Behavior Analyst will follow each workshop to ensure that the supports are adequate and contextualized to the unique cultural needs of the individual. Workshops will be held in English and in Spanish and will be available in urban and rural areas.</p> <p>Goal #2 involves the development and provision of an online learning series on Positive Behavior Support to ensure sustainable capacity development of families, providers, and educators that support youth with disabilities and challenging behaviors. This goal will be accomplished through a series of pre-recorded learning modules, cohorts of trainees, and ongoing live technical assistance events. The PBS-NV Family project will partner with existing funding streams from the System of Care (SOC) Project through the Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) and general funds through Aging and Disability Services Division (ADSD) to complete a comprehensive system of</p>

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	behavior supports in Nevada for youth with disabilities and challenging behaviors. The total budget for project is \$320,000 per fiscal year which will provide training and technical assistance to over 440 participants per year and support at least 180 focus individuals per year. Impact of this project will be measured through knowledge gain assessments, behavior change rating scales, quality of life measures, caregiver stress measures, and satisfaction surveys.
Evaluation Review	
Positive Components	<p>Leslie – agency is in its second year, serves part of rural Nevada, application well written</p> <p>Shayla – serves more than just Clark County, more statewide although not reaching all rural areas, virtual component affords flexibility to reach more Nevadans throughout the state</p> <p>Stacy – bi-lingual aspect good, project touches more people, coped well with not being in person and electronically delivered services</p>
Negative Components	<p>Shayla – concern that not as much opportunity for in-person touches which target population might benefit more from, concerned with cost per person, ability to market and touch that many people and increase to the proposed numbers throughout the regions, heavy amount of specialists for each virtual setting</p> <p>Leslie – overall cost is pretty high, UNR’s indirect cost rate which includes overhead administrative costs, they are also asking for funding for partial project manager and fiscal instead of going to direct services, they are asking for indirect cost rate and funding for personnel – curious as to why</p>
Reasonableness and applicability of budget	<p>Leslie – financial portion easy to follow, doesn’t know enough about the program to pull out pieces of the budget, only proposal for this type of services – questioned indirect as well as administrative staff</p> <p>Stacy – indirect cost as well as administrative leads to other questions</p> <p>Shayla – agrees</p>
Scope of Work	<p>Leslie – good performance measures, appears comprehensive, virtual vs. personal touch</p> <p>Shayla – comprehensive with rest of application and matched the budget, easy to follow, could see where outcomes would be, could see where things could be reduced through a scope of work perspective</p>
Questions for GMU to clarify	none

Proposal 2:	Boys Town Nevada, Las Vegas
Abstract:	<p>Boys Town Nevada (BTVN) has a history of providing child and family wraparound services based within targeted schools and communities through classroom training, family stabilization, case management, parenting skills, and school engagement. BTVN is requesting \$136,704.00 from the Fund for a Healthy Nevada to serve 130 students attending schools in the Clark County, Nevada district. Schools are a vital infrastructure in the community and play a critical role in a child’s development. They not only focus on academic outcomes of the students but also the development of the whole child including their social, emotional, and physical well-being. Through the work of School Support Specialists (SSS), BTVN will assist schools in addressing the needs of their students by offering Positive Behavior Supports (PBS). PBS interventions include de-escalation, bridges communication gaps, and linkages to family supports. The SSS serves as a liaison between students, families, teachers, and administrators ensuring that school and family interventions are creating a positive impact. BTVN will provide multi-tiered support services with identified school partners. BTVN has established several strong</p>

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	<p>partnerships with community providers through formal relationships, indicated by a signed Memorandum of Understanding, in addition to informal partnerships. These relationships strengthen and support BTNV's service delivery, reduces duplication of needed services, and results in positive youth and family outcomes.</p> <p><i>Tier One</i> services are offered to youth and families with a low risk for truancy or poor academic performance to reduce risk factors, encourage positive relationships with school staff, and enhance communication between parents and the school. Services provided in this tier include assistance and information about community resources, absences, or prevention planning to ensure consistent school attendance.</p> <p><i>Tier Two</i> services support skill development for those who are at risk to develop more serious problem behaviors before those behaviors start. Services consist of increased behavioral interventions that focus on the student becoming more accountable for their behaviors while in school. The SSS works with the student, family, and school partner to establish appropriate strategies, focusing on behavioral issues that can impair learning, and practicing alternative prosocial behaviors.</p> <p><i>Tier Three</i> services are offered to students with an increased need. These students will receive additional behavioral interventions and supports to address factors that impact school attendance and well-being. One-on-one interventions are individualized to meet their unique needs and are developed to prevent formal school consequences or truancy that can lead to a court referral, detention, out-of-school suspension, in-school suspension, or office referral. The services proposed in this application focus on the strengths, interests, and needs of each student, empowering students, and their families by giving them a voice in service delivery. These interventions aim to reduce truancy rates and negative behaviors in the classroom while increasing parental engagement and enhancing the student's school experience and academic performance.</p>
Evaluation Review	
Positive Components	<p>Leslie – likes seeing programs centered around truancy, not very many programs that addresses kids who exhibit chronic truant behavior but have not ended up in the juvenile justice system</p> <p>Stacy – includes parent involvement and engagement is a huge part of student success, impressive data demonstrating impact on students</p> <p>Shayla – application easy to follow</p>
Negative Components	<p>Leslie – program not offered outside big county like Clark County, however, Clark County is biggest and has needs other counties don't have</p> <p>Shayla – was not sure which schools were planned to be targeted, possible duplication from another service</p> <p>Stacy – application states “select schools” in Clark County – why only “select schools”</p>
Reasonableness and applicability of budget	Leslie – no red flags
Scope of Work	Leslie – why “select schools”, eligibility of target population not described adequately
Questions for GMU to clarify	Provide description of schools being targeted and target population.

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Proposal 3:	United Citizens Foundation
Abstract:	<p>United Citizens Foundation (UCF) is a nonprofit organization founded in 2010. UCF is requesting \$149,485.00 to provide direct mental health, behavioral health, and intensive supportive services to at-risk students. United Citizen Foundation services are easily accessible via School-Based Health Clinics (SBHC), UCF Community Based Health clinics and telehealth services. Positive Behavioral Intervention and Support Services (PBIS) will be utilized in partnership with Clark County School District (CCSD), The Harbor Juvenile Assessment Center, Foster Kinship and ICLV Fatherhood FIRE program. These partnerships will provide referrals and targeted wrap around support services for students. UCF works directly with CCSD school counselors to provide mental health services to students that have been identified as Tier 3.</p> <p>The geographic area of at-risk services for students and their families served is CCSD campuses and rural Nevada through telehealth where direct facility satellite offices are not available. Telehealth has become a vital piece for UCF to deliver services to those in the rural communities throughout Nevada who do not have access to services as well as to provide mental and behavioral health teletherapy due to the COVID-19 pandemic. UCF operates mental and behavioral health services in 6 locations within Clark County. The priority area of focus is delivering intensive and individualized support to improve behavior by providing formal therapeutic treatment plans and assessments. Our focus will be on achieving positive outcomes while providing crisis intervention and behavioral health services targeted towards students that have been identified as Tier 3. Many of these clients may also be disparate students with poor social determinants, low income, transportation barriers or linguistic barriers. UCF also provides home based services, which allows the students the opportunity to feel the maximum level of comfort since they are in their own space when accessing mental health and support services.</p> <p>The funds will be utilized to offset the therapy cost of students that are uninsured and/or do not meet eligibility of current funding. In addition, the funds will continue to employ a Clinical Director and a Licensed Mental Health Professionals who will provide direct intensive therapeutic service to students that have been identified at the Tier 3 level with PBIS. In addition to the ability for UCF to proactively provide awareness and evidence-based practices to improve behavior and meet the mental health needs of students, UCF will also use funds support a Community Health Worker who will provide intensive supportive services to the client and their family.</p> <p>UCF licensed therapists have experience and a proven track record of assisting students undergoing mental health emergencies such as suicidal ideation , behavioral issues, domestic violence, sexual assault, abuse, substance use, difficulty adjusting to peer relational issues such as bullying, or alcohol/substance abuse utilizing best practices. The experience of UCF's therapists as well as the flexibility in the locations and means in which UCF can serve clients will be pivotal in providing services to students that have been identified as Tier 3.</p>
Evaluation Review	
Positive Components	Leslie – serves at-risk population, program addresses target population pre-arrest is positive
Negative Components	Leslie – eligibility process is not clearly defined, are rural areas of Clark County covered?
Reasonableness and applicability of budget	Stacy – budget is aligned with goals Leslie – agrees

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Scope of Work	Leslie – eligibility process not clearly defined
Questions for GMU to clarify	Better define eligibility requirement for target population.

Proposal 4:	Clark County Department of Family Services
Abstract:	<p>Clark County Department of Family Services (CCDFS) is the local child welfare agency in Las Vegas, Nevada. Among the 3,000 children that are in protective custody in Clark County are children with significant mental health issues and developmental disability diagnoses. It is for these children with the most critical issues that we are applying for \$150,000 for Positive Behavioral Support funding from the Fund for a Healthy Nevada.</p> <p>This subgroup of children needs specialized services to help them develop skills of self-care, receptive and expressive language, learning, mobility, self-direction, and capacity for independent living. The specialized services that will be provided through the Fund for a Healthy Nevada will help these children develop skills with the goal to allow them to transition to the least restrictive placement.</p> <p>This project will address the three Tiers of Positive Behavioral Intervention and Support Services. Tier 1 will be addressed by children receiving 1:1 and group services multiple times per week with focus on the individual’s skills, deficits, and set goals. The children with developmental disabilities will gain skill advancement through Sport-Social individualized service plans. Children will work toward goals such as decreasing their instances of engaging in aggressive behaviors, communicating explicit requests, and appropriate peer interactions. These actions will attend to the requirements of Tier 2; these at-risk children will be given opportunities to develop lifelong skills of human interaction to help prevent more serious problems from developing in the future. Tier 3 is accomplished by Board-certified Applied Behavior Analysts to make initial assessments and to periodically update goals.</p> <p>Developmental disabilities impose enormous personal, social, and economic costs because of their early onset and the lifetime of dependence that often ensues. Children with disabilities often have limited educational opportunities, and as they grow older, will have limited employment options, productivity, and quality of life. The cost- effectiveness of rehabilitation must take into account the long-term benefits of reduced dependency, improved productivity, and quality of life.</p> <p>Sport-Social is a community provider that bases their practice around Applied Behavior Analytic techniques to help children with special needs learn new skills, gain confidence, and build social behaviors. Sport-Social’s mission is devoted to build self- confidence, social skills, and positive behaviors with children of all ages and abilities. They work with children with special needs by teaching them social skills, emotional maturity, and positive behaviors that will enable them to develop communication skills and promote effective communication. Sport-Social is unique in that children learn and practice these skills while developing talents in their one-of-a-kind facility while engaging in athletic activities, the arts, computers, and music. Sport-Social believes that the most effective social and behavioral instruction occurs with proactive instructors trained and experienced in the principles of behaviors. Sport-Social works with children in small, flexible, individualized groups with very high or 1:1 instructor-to-student ratios.</p>
Evaluation Review	

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Positive Components	<p>Leslie – difficult to follow as the proposal information is jumbled with other projects by this agency that she oversees (substance abuse program and MET program), proposal has similarities to the MET program, unsure of target population, are two different groups of clients targeted? Using Unity as data base also confusing as that data base is for child welfare, is the target population in the child welfare system?</p> <p>Stacy – one-to-one individualized support services approach good</p>
Negative Components	<p>Leslie – travel costs confusing, what are they for? justification needed, why need travel in greater Las Vegas?</p> <p>Stacy – is the contract viewable?</p>
Reasonableness and applicability of budget	<p>Leslie – asked for \$10,000 in travel costs, confusing if in Las Vegas, what are travel costs for? Is there a mileage circle limitation?</p> <p>Stacy – also wondered if could see contract (with contractors) to identify where \$10,000 would be spent on?</p>
Scope of Work	<p>Leslie – yes, with clarification of eligibility criteria</p> <p>Stacy – clarity would be helpful,</p>
Questions for GMU to clarify	<p>Clarify difference in target populations (this proposal vs. MET program). More travel cost justification needed. More eligibility criteria needed.</p>

A **public commenter** at end of meeting drew reviewers attention to the December 2020 amendment made in the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for Positive Behavior Support and indicated it did not appear all proposals complied with the amendment.

Staff Review:

Staff reviewed proposals to determine alignment with the amendment, and to ensure target population were disabled individuals, accompanied with a problem behavior by expanding behavior repertoire and redesigning environments.

UNR-Board of Regents: Aligns

Boys Town of Nevada: Does not align with amendment

United Citizen Foundation: Does not align with amendment

Clark County Family Services: Does not align with amendment

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Language in December 2020 Amendment

Positive Behavior Support (PBS) is an empirically validated, function-based approach to developing and employing a plan of support for individuals whose disability is accompanied by problem behavior. PBS focuses on proactive and educative strategies to (1) expand an individual's behavior repertoire and (2) redesign environments. These strategies are intended to enhance a person's lifestyle and minimize problem behavior. Proposals for this program area must include the following:

- *Functional assessment to identify possible relevant antecedent and maintaining stimuli, and all major environments in which the behavior occurs;*
- *Person-centered planning regarding improving lifestyle ambitions of the family or participant with a description of goals for improved lifestyle;*
- *The assembly and participation of a team that has agreed to support the individual; and*
- *Direct observation relevant to confirmation of hypotheses regarding the function of the problem behavior*

GMU Recommendation for GMAC Consideration:

Fund proposals that are in alignment with the NOFO; in this category, this would be reflective of one (1) proposal, the UNR Board of Regents. GMU will complete technical adjustments to ensure the budget parameters of the NOFO are in compliance.

Funding as recommended will ensure regional coverage statewide and will obligate all of the \$320,000 in Fund for Healthy Nevada.