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Fund for a Healthy Nevada
INDEPENDENT LIVING, RESPITE, & POSITIVE BEHAVIOR SUPPORT
Notice of Funding Opportunity | Funding Recommendations Review
SFY26 / SFY27

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Background

The Nevada Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) is responsible for administering the Fund for a Healthy Nevada (FHN), to supplement and not supplant existing funding. The FHN is a source of state revenue which is funded through tobacco settlement monies received or recovered by the State of Nevada. This grant will serve as a one-time funding source.



Eligibility Criteria

Eligible entities include public and private non-profit organizations located in Nevada.

The GMU must be assured that partners have adequate systems in place to properly administer the grant both financially and programmatically.

Available Funding SFY26/27

Dollar Amount Available

Independent Living	
Year 1	Year 2
\$479,774.00	\$481,116.00
Total Amount Requested =\$1,129,584	Total Amount Requested =1,135,492
Respite	
Year 1	Year 2
\$558,283.00	\$559,844.00
Total Amount Requested =\$1,479,413	Total Amount Requested =\$1,470,468
Positive Behavior Support	
Year 1	Year 2
\$279,141.00	\$279,922.00
Total Amount Requested =\$293,014	Total Amount Requested =\$293,014

*Tobacco Settlement Funds have decreased resulting in reduced revenue from the Fund for Healthy Nevada. This has caused a 12.77% reduction in Year 1 and 12.52% reduction in Year 2.

Year 1 (State Fiscal Year 2026)
Year 2 (State Fiscal Year 2027)



Independent Living

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Independent Living (IL) Services to improve access to independent living services and supports.



Lyon County Human Services

This funding opportunity would allow the Adult Services division to advocate for individuals with disabilities through person- centered planning (PCP) and case management services. By offering individualized support, including home visits, skills-building, financial counseling, and the SOAR (SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery) program, case managers empower clients to maintain autonomy while accessing necessary benefits and supports. The division's new initiative includes training Adult Services case managers as Accredited Financial Counselors (AFC) to provide specialized financial education to individuals with disabilities, improving financial literacy and long-term stability.

Recommended Funding Amount = \$110,000





Nevada Rural Counties (RSVP)

The Independent Living Transportation Program is a critical service designed to provide seniors and adults with disabilities in rural Nevada with accessible, paratransit, door-to-door transportation. This program ensures that individuals with mobility challenges have the means to attend medical appointments, grocery shopping, and social events, fostering their ability to remain independent and engaged in their communities. Transportation services will be provided through a combination of fleet vehicles and volunteer driver personal vehicles, offering both flexibility and cost-efficiency in service delivery.

Recommended Funding Amount = \$130,000





St. Rose Dominican (Dignity Health)

St. Rose Dominican's Helping Hands of Henderson program provides safe, reliable transportation and social support for vulnerable seniors. The funding will provide approximately 5,000 one-way rides to food pantries, congregate meal sites, and grocery stores—helping seniors address nutritional needs and maintain independence, dignity, and self-sufficiency.

Recommended Funding Amount = \$90,000





Helping Hands of Vegas Valley

The Helping Hands of Vegas Valley (HHOVV) Transportation Program provides critical, no cost transportation services for low-income and disabled seniors (60+) in Southern Nevada, ensuring access to medical appointments, grocery stores, pharmacies, social services, and community resources.

Recommended Funding Amount = \$100,000





Neighbor Network of Northern Nevada (N4)

N4 will offer discounted Lyft vouchers each month to people with disabilities and older adults in Washoe County throughout the two-year project period. N4's transportation program coordinator will provide hands-on training to participants to use the Lyft app as well as teach each participant how to access additional transportation resources. The program coordinator will conduct community outreach activities to include at least quarterly technology workshops and presentations for people with disabilities and older adults in the community.

Recommended Funding Amount = \$49,000



QUESTIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS?



Respite

Respite	
Year 1	Year 2
\$ 558,283.00	\$ 559,844.00
Total Amount Requested =\$1,479,413	Total Amount Requested =\$1,470,468

Respite Services to improve access and coordination for respite services and supports.



Amplify Life

Amplify Life is seeking funding *“to improve access and coordination for respite services and support”* through their Respite Program. Amplify Life’s respite services and supports are provided through the valuable skills and recreation programs at our Skills and Recreation Center and various recreational, life-expanding camp programs for the individuals with disabilities that we serve. Programs provide after school and weekend skills courses, cooking classes, social and recreational classes, health and wellness programs, games, art and crafts, and community exploration and afford individuals with disabilities the opportunities to live, learn, and play as a vital part of the community.

Recommended Funding Amount = \$72,820



Lyon County Human Services

This funding would supplement existing funding to the Senior Services Division's Caregiver Support Program. The target populations for this funding opportunity are Lyon County residents who provide caregiving services. The Caregiver Support Program utilizes the Powerful Tools for Caregivers (PTC) curriculum. PTC was developed to reach caregivers of any kind. The Caregiver Support Program also includes the innovative Elli-Q devices to aid individuals and caregivers as well as a pilot respite care service using temporary staff in-homes and in senior centers.

Recommended Funding Amount = \$80,000



Helping Hands of Vegas Valley

Respite Care Voucher Program provides critical support to family caregivers of older adults with Alzheimer's disease, dementia, and related disorders in Southern Nevada. HHOVV has helped caregivers balance the demands of full-time caregiving with their own well-being by offering vouchers of up to \$1,000 for respite care services. These services include in-home health aides, adult day care, and short-term assisted living stays, allowing older adults to remain in their homes while caregivers receive a much-needed break to rest, manage personal responsibilities, or avoid burnout.

Recommended Funding Amount = \$177,764



Nevada Rural Counties (RSVP)

To expand its Respite Care Program, providing critical relief to caregivers and preventing the unnecessary institutionalization of care recipients. The expansion of this program will help prevent caregiver burnout by offering respite services that reduce stress, anxiety, and physical exhaustion. It will also reduce hospitalizations and delay nursing home placement by providing timely respite care that allows families to maintain home-based support. Funds will support caregiver support groups, training, outreach initiatives to improve awareness and accessibility of respite resources.

Recommended Funding Amount = \$113,849



Neighbor Network of Northern Nevada (N4)

N4's Community Care program will expand to provide respite care services and comprehensive case management to support 50 more people (25 primary caregivers and 25 people with disabilities and older adults). N4 will provide in-home and community-focused respite care and case management services to primary caregivers of people with disabilities. Each primary caregiver will receive at least four hours per week of respite care for their loved one in addition to at least four hours per month of comprehensive case management to include information and referral to other community resources.

Recommended Funding Amount = \$113,849



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Positive Behavior Support

Positive Behavior Support	
Year 1	Year 2
\$ 279,141.00	\$ 279,922.00
Total Amount Requested =\$293,014	Total Amount Requested =\$293,014

Positive Behavior Support (PBS) Services to develop and employ plans of support for individuals whose disability is accompanied by problem behavior.



Neighbor Network of Northern Nevada (N4)

Objectives: 1) increase screening and assessment of individuals with I/DD for dementia statewide; 2) promote self-direction and independence for people living with dementia and their families by ensuring additional community resources are accessed; 3) use data to inform the planning of person/family-centered companion services, personal care, and respite services to people living with dementia and their primary caregivers within a community-based, dementia-capable framework; 4) provide statewide in-person and virtual culturally sensitive positive behavior supports to paid and unpaid primary caregivers in specialized training topics such as I/DD, behavioral symptoms of dementia, and approaches for all stages of dementia; and 5) implement specific strategies throughout the project period to scale, disseminate, and sustain the PBS-AS project.

Recommended Funding Amount = \$79,141





University of Nevada, Reno

PBS-NV Family project will provide an empirically-validated, person-centered, function-based approach. **Goal #1** is to provide live (in-person/virtual) Positive Behavior Support training and direct assistance to parents/caregivers/providers in their homes and communities. This goal will be accomplished through a series of workshops available to teams that provide a hierarchy of support based on the needs of the individual. Each workshop will include functional assessments for 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 support plans are adequate and contextualized to the unique cultural needs of the individual and their family. Workshops will be offered in both English and Spanish and will be available to families/providers in all communities across Nevada. **Goal #2**, which is a new service offered by PBS-NV Family, is to offer workshops via pre-recorded workshops for our rural partners, aimed at supporting families, community members, providers, and professionals who assist individuals with disabilities and/or challenging behaviors. This goal will be accomplished by collaborating with our rural community partners to provide online access to prerecorded workshops, offered in both English and Spanish.

Recommended Funding Amount = \$200,000





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