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Resilient Nevada Grant Administrators,

I am writing to offer my steadfast support for the Resilient Nevada Grant Funding application submitted by Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health in partnership with the City of North Las Vegas (NLV) and our fire department. The proposal focuses on addressing two critical and often intertwined issues within our community, psychiatric emergencies and opioid overdoses.

Last year, our fire department initiated a Crisis Response Unit. The goal for this program was to respond to incidents involving mental health issues. Utilizing a team of Licensed Clinical Social Workers, this program has already experienced great success with immediate and long-term options for people experiencing mental health crises. Two things that this team has quickly determined is that we have a lot more work to do to address mental health issues and that drug addiction is often involved in cases that they encounter.

I believe that the Resilient Nevada grant can significantly enhance our capacity to provide timely and effective responses to these crises through our Crisis Response Team (CRT). With the grant funding, we will be able to bolster our CRT program and add specialized personnel trained in managing substance abuse. This will allow our CRT units to provide both immediate and follow up assistance to those encountering a mental health crisis, drug dependence issues, or a combination of these issues.

The ultimate goal of our program is to ensure that individuals facing psychiatric or substance abuse crises receive the comprehensive care they need, thereby reducing repeated incidents and fostering a healthier, more resilient community. Additionally, public education efforts will focus on raising awareness and providing crucial information about the risks and management of narcotic use, particularly within vulnerable communities.

We are confident that the implementation of this program will lead to significant improvements in the health of our community in North Las Vegas. We greatly appreciate your consideration of our request and look forward to the opportunity to enhance our community's response to these critical issues with the support of the Resilient Nevada grant.

Sincerely,



Scott Black  
Mayor Pro Tempore