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Resilient Nevada Grant Administrators,

I am writing to express our strong support for the Resilient Grant Funding application submitted by the City of North Las Vegas (NLV). Our proposal focuses on addressing two critical and often intertwined issues within our community: psychiatric emergencies and opioid overdoses. We 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).

In 2023, the North Las Vegas Fire Department (NLVFD) responded to 1,876 psychiatric emergencies and 574 overdose incidents, administering 254 doses of Narcan. Alarming, 65% of these calls were to minority populations, and 56% occurred in areas where residents live below the poverty line. These statistics underscore the urgent need for a dedicated response team equipped to address these complex and pressing issues.

With the grant funding, we aim to bolster our CRT by adding PEER Navigators or Substance Abuse Specialists who will work in tandem with mental health professionals. The program's objectives are threefold:

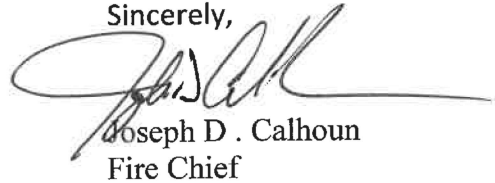
1. Provide immediate response to psychiatric emergencies.
2. Offer follow-up within 48 hours for individuals who have overdosed on opioids and called 911.
3. Implement public education initiatives on narcotic use, specifically targeting special populations.

Our CRT will continue to support these individuals beyond the initial crisis, offering counseling and guidance to help them embark on a path to long-term recovery. 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.

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.

We are confident that the implementation of this program will lead to significant improvements in public health and safety 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Calhoun", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Joseph D. Calhoun
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