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## **Nevada County Baseline Socioeconomic and Impact Assessment Program**

- 1. Issue/Need:** Nevada counties are faced everyday with changing social and economic conditions that can impact future growth and stability. This is why timely and accurate socioeconomic data and analytical tools are essential for effective local decision making, especially when over 85 percent of Nevada lands are publicly owned. The proposed program will develop strong partnerships with local counties, state agencies, professional associations, and federal land agencies to collaboratively develop accurate baseline data and impact assessment tools that will aid counties with planning and decision making.
- 2. Response:** University of Nevada Cooperative Extension (UNCE), College of Agriculture, Biotechnology and Natural Resource (CABNR), and the University Center for Economic Development (UCED) is proposing a statewide county based program that will include the following:

  - Developing strong partnerships with county governments, state and federal agencies and professional associations.
  - Developing a comprehensive repository of socioeconomic data for each county in Nevada. Key indicators: demographics, social, cultural, environmental, economic, industry, and government finances.
  - Developing and verifying economic and fiscal impact models for each county in Nevada. (IMPLAN).
  - Developing baseline technical reports and conducting community based educational workshops.
- 3. Benefits:** Nevada counties will receive several program benefits including:

  - Availability of county specific data and analytical tools that can be used for general planning, socioeconomic impact assessment for public policy issues, and preparing grant applications.
  - Provides a consistent procedure and methodology across Nevada.
  - Ability to conduct timely specialized studies and public policy impact assessments (i.e. public land management plans).
  - Provides valuable resource expertise to counties that may be currently lacking this capacity.
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