

## NEVADA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES (NACO)

Board of Directors' Meeting

July 31, 2020, 9:30 a.m.

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### AGENDA

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Call to Order, Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance

1. Public Comment. Please Limit Comments to 3 Minutes.
2. Approval of Agenda. **For Possible Action**
3. NACO President's Report.
4. NACO Executive Director's Report.
5. Election of Nevada's Two Representatives to the National Association of Counties (NACo) Board of Directors. **For Possible Action**
6. Approval of Zetkha Fountas to Serve on the Nevada Rural Housing Authority Board to Represent Recipients of Assistance from the Authority. **For Possible Action**
7. Discussion and Approval of a Possible Contract Between NACO and a Third Party to Help Create a Program for Nevada's Counties to Provide Grants to Small Businesses Using County CARES Coronavirus Relief Funds, and Requiring Interested Counties to Reimburse NACO for Their Share of the Cost of the Program. **For Possible Action**
8. Presentation and Discussion Regarding the Governor's Executive Order on Climate Change (2019-22), Brad Crowell, Director, and Dr. Kristin Averyt, State Climate Policy Coordinator, Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.
9. Legislative Update Including Discussion on Possible NACO Bill Draft Requests for the 2021 Session of the Nevada Legislature. **For Possible Action**
10. Presentation of the Final Milliman Actuarial Report on County Medicaid Long-Term Care Match Assessments.
11. Discussion on COVID-19 Pandemic Impacts and County Needs. **For Possible Action**

12. **Update and Possible Action** Regarding Natural Resources and Public Lands Issues Affecting Counties Including:

- a. Updates from the NACO Public Lands and Natural Resources Subcommittee
13. NACO Committee of the Emeritus Update.
  14. National Association of Counties Board Member Updates.
  15. Western Interstate Region Board Member Updates and Updates from National Association of Counties' Policy Steering Committee Members.
  16. NACO Board Member Updates.
  17. Public Comment. Please Limit Comments to 3 Minutes.

Adjournment.

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## Item #4

### FEMA Public Assistance Updates – COVID-19

1) <https://dem.nv.gov/COVID-19/home/>

2) Bulletin #2 - Request for Public Assistance (RPA) Submissions:  
<https://dem.nv.gov/uploadedFiles/demnv.gov/content/COVID-19/Bulletin%202%20RPA%20Submission.pdf>

3) Bulletin #3 - FEMA Grants Portal Request:  
<https://dem.nv.gov/uploadedFiles/demnv.gov/content/COVID-19/Bulletin%203%20FEMA%20Grants%20Portal%20Account%20Request.pdf>

## Item #6

### **NRS 315.977 Creation of Authority; appointment of commissioners; quorum; majority vote required to carry question.**

1. The Nevada Rural Housing Authority, consisting of five commissioners, is hereby created.
2. The commissioners must be appointed as follows:
  - (a) Two commissioners must be appointed by the Nevada League of Cities.
  - (b) Two commissioners must be appointed by the Nevada Association of Counties.
  - (c) One commissioner must be appointed jointly by the Nevada League of Cities and the Nevada Association of Counties. This commissioner must be a current recipient of assistance from the Authority and must be selected from a list of at least five eligible nominees submitted for this purpose by an organization which represents tenants of housing projects operated by the Authority. If no such organization exists, the commissioner must be selected from a list of nominees submitted for this purpose from persons who currently receive assistance from the Authority. If during his or her term the commissioner ceases to be a recipient of assistance, the commissioner may continue to serve as a commissioner for the remainder of the unexpired term for which he or she was appointed if he or she resides within the area of operation of the Authority.
3. After the initial terms, the term of office of a commissioner is 4 years or until his or her successor takes office.
4. A majority of the commissioners constitutes a quorum, and a vote of the majority is necessary to carry any question.
5. If either of the appointing entities listed in subsection 2 ceases to exist, the pertinent appointments required by subsection 2 must be made by the successor in interest of that entity or, if there is no successor in interest, by the other appointing entity.

(Added to NRS by [1973, 616](#); A [1977, 1190](#); [1987, 523](#); [1993, 1553](#); [1995, 812, 2695, 2696](#); [1997, 450](#); [2011, 1378](#))



## VIA EMAIL AND US POSTAL SERVICE

June 19, 2020

Ms. Dagny Stapleton  
Executive Director  
Nevada Association of Counties  
304 South Minnesota Street  
Carson City, NV 89701

Ms. Jo Walker  
Administrator  
Nevada League of Cities and Municipalities  
520 S. Curry Street  
Carson City, NV 89703

Dear Dagny and Jo:

You may recall that a request for appointment of Brenda Sweet as a resident commissioner for NRHA's board was recently sent to the Nevada League of Cities and NACO. However, before you could appoint Brenda, the COVID-19 pandemic hit Nevada and the entire State of Nevada was shut down. During that time, Ms. Sweet was able get off our program, so is no longer eligible to accept the resident commissioner position.

In accordance with NRS 315.972 2.(c), One of NRHA's commissioners must be appointed jointly by the Nevada League of Cities and the Nevada Association of Counties. "This commissioner must be a current recipient of assistance from the Authority and must be selected from a list of at least five eligible nominees submitted for this purpose..." Attached is an application from Zetkha Fountas who we would like to recommend as resident commissioner of the board for Nevada Rural Housing Authority.



We identified Zetkha after our Director of Rental Services contacted every voucher holder on our list. We received 10 applications. Of those ten applications five applications were good, two were residents of our properties and according to HUD policy they were ineligible. There were also two who live in Pahrump which would make it logistically difficult for these folks to participate as board members. One other would not qualify.

After speaking with the five clients who were eligible, we determined that Zetkha would be the best representation of Nevada Rural Housing Authority as resident commissioner.

We would like to bring her on board as soon as possible. We have invited her to attend our July 16, 2020 videoconference board meeting to meet the current board members and to get better acquainted with our organization. If you agree we would like your nomination of Zetkha to our board.

Sincerely,



William Brewer

Executive Director



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APPLICATION TO THE NEVADA RURAL HOUSING AUTHORITY

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Name: ZETKHA K FOUNTAS Phone: Home: 775 357 0804
Address: 20 College Pkwy #W190 Work:
City, Zip: CARSON CITY, NV 89702 Email: zetkhak.fountas@gmail.com

Are you currently serving on a board/commission/committee/council? Yes No [checked]

If yes, please explain:

Employment experience: Car detailing, Home maker.

\*(Would love to gain some work experience by serving as your Residential Commissioner)

Community and organization volunteer experience: I have volunteered for FISH and Computer Corps

Education: Some College in welding, I.T. Networking, I.T. Project Management.

Other experience or training: Caring for my mother who was elderly, dealt with all aspects of her care



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**Item #7**





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## **Nevada Association of Counties (NACO) CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) Business Grant Program Proposal**

### **Summary**

Subject to approval by the NACO Board of Directors, NACO is proposing to assist Nevada's counties by partnering with a contractor to create a grant program that counties can use to provide federal Corona Virus Relief Funds (CRF) to small businesses. NACO would engage the contractor to:

- Create a grant application
- Ensure that the grant funds are awarded only for allowable expenditures, as articulated in the CARES Act and by the U.S. Treasury, for the CRF dollars.
- Work with NACO members to create eligibility criteria for equitably awarding funds to your local businesses
- Process all grant applications received and assist applicants to submit applications and materials
- Score or rank all submitted applicants
- Create a portal through which grant applications can be submitted.

All interested counties must notify NACO by July 24<sup>th</sup> whether they would like to participate in the program, and what amount of their CRF dollars they are dedicating to the grant program. **Any county that participates will be assessed by NACO for their portion of the cost of the contract.**

### **Grant Parameters**

***Pursuant to the CARES Act and Treasury Guidance, dollars can be distributed to businesses for the following:***

- Working Capital (i.e. payroll, rent, utilities, inventory costs, taxes, etc.)
- PPE & materials related to mitigating impacts of COVID (cleaning supplies etc.)
- Retrofits that business might need to comply with social distancing or other COVID-19 related directives
- Reimbursement for materials already purchased are eligible

### ***Size of Grant Award***

- Size of award based on size of business; possibly up to \$30k, could be based on number of employees or revenues; could be based on actual expenses; size of grants may vary by county and can also be based on available dollars



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### ***Eligibility***

- A business that has received SBA funding (EIDL and PPP) can apply, but the criteria may give those awarded funds from other sources lower priority. Business will be directed to work with an accountant to ensure they do not use these funds to pay for expenses paid by SBA funding.
- Business must possess a State business license, or additionally a county business license where applicable.
- Sole proprietor and home-based businesses are eligible.
- Employees – up to but no more than 50 employees. Intent of the grant is for small businesses that were directly impacted by COVID-19.
- Business needs to be in business at least 6-months prior to March 15, 2020. (necessary to show a financial hardship)
- Must demonstrate actual financial hardship - financial statements from previous 6 months or other financial data to show a decrease in revenue starting in late March, but more specifically in April, May and June
- Types of businesses that may be ineligible – counties should review their code to determine which of these apply
  - *Adult Oriented Businesses (including massage parlors)*
  - *Cannabis Related Businesses*
  - *Liquor Stores*
  - *Bail Bonds*
  - *Check Cashing Facilities*
  - *Payday Loan and other Short-Term Loan Operators*
  - *Convenience Stores*
  - *Non-profit Organizations (counties are encouraged to work with non-profits on an individual basis to provide CRF funds as needed)*
  - *State & Federal Certified Labor Unions*

### ***Determining which businesses get funded***

More discussion will be held by NACO and County representatives participating in the program. A scoring system for applicants may be developed. Another option is a lottery or first come, first served bases.

### **Proposed Motion/Approval**

County/BCC approval of this program should include the amount of county CRF funds that will be allocated to the program, as well as a commitment to reimburse NACO for the county's share of the costs for the services provided by the contractor.

## **Item #8**

[http://gov.nv.gov/News/Executive Orders/2019/Executive Order 2019-22 Directing Executive Branch to Advance Nevada s Climate Goals/](http://gov.nv.gov/News/Executive_Orders/2019/Executive_Order_2019-22_Directing_Executive_Branch_to_Advance_Nevada_s_Climate_Goals/)