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## **NEWS RELEASE**

### **NEVADA AWARDED \$2.5 MILLION H-1B RURAL HEALTHCARE GRANT**

LAS VEGAS, Nevada – On January 29th, Governor Steve Sisolak announced that Nevada was awarded a new \$2.5 million H-1B Rural Healthcare Grant from the U.S. Department of Labor. The purpose of the grant will be to strengthen the state's efforts in developing its healthcare workforce to alleviate existing shortages through job training programs in both high-need northern and rural communities.

The Governor's Office of Workforce Innovation (OWINN), in partnership with northern Nevada's workforce development board Nevadaworks, the Nevada Hospital Association, and several education and training providers, applied for the grant after receiving approval from the Governor's Workforce Development Board last November.

"Nevadaworks is pleased to be working with OWINN and the Nevada Hospital Association in the execution of this grant," said John Thurman, Executive Director of Nevadaworks. "These funds, over four years, will help strengthen the healthcare systems and services throughout the rural northern Nevada areas."

In managing the grant, OWINN will oversee efforts to increase the number of middle-to-high skilled healthcare occupations in the state's northern and rural communities through the expansion of services such as job placement, resume writing, job search assistance, and occupational skills training.

"OWINN is incredibly grateful to our healthcare workers throughout the state as they have been our heroes managing the COVID pandemic. Being able to grow our healthcare workforce pipeline for our rural areas in Nevada is a top priority, and this work is in support of the Governor's initiatives. We look forward to working with amazing partners to make it happen," said Senior Program Development and Engagement Specialist, Isla Young.

This grant award comes in the wake of several other recent successes for OWINN such as receiving \$13.8 million for the Reimage Workforce Preparation Grant and \$450,000 to expand Registered Apprenticeship.

For further details and the latest news regarding this grant, the public is encouraged to visit the Governor's Office of Workforce Innovation website found [here](#).

About OWINN: The Governor's Office of Workforce Innovation (OWINN) helps drive a skilled, diverse, and aligned workforce in the state of Nevada by promoting collaboration and cooperation among key entities focused on workforce development. OWINN works to address Nevada's workforce needs by leveraging labor market data, scaling career pathways that leads to industry-recognized credentials, expanding apprenticeships and work-based learning, and designing responsive workforce policies.