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Nevada Department of Veterans Services Awarded \$113,000 for Workforce Development Program to Embark on New Careers

Funding still available for Veterans in Nevada seeking certification for in-demand occupations

Las Vegas/Carson City, Nev. – Nevada Department of Veteran Services (NDVS) is working in partnership with the Governor's Office of Workforce Innovation (GOWINN) to leverage Project SANDI to support Nevada veterans who are seeking new career opportunities. This partnership between NDVS and GOWINN will broaden workforce pathways for Nevada's veteran community by funding short-term training programs for veterans and fund certified nursing assistant programs at the Southern Nevada State Veterans Home.

"The national healthcare workforce shortage is especially impacting Nevada's rural communities, such as Boulder City. Strengthening the workforce pipeline of healthcare professionals who bring care to veterans is a top priority for GOWINN," said Lisa Levine, Executive Director of the Governor's Office of Workforce Innovation. "This funding will reduce the healthcare workforce shortage at the Southern Nevada State Veterans Home and increase access to veterans who are interested in short-term training programs with credentials of value and stackable certificates that lead to exciting in-demand careers."

NDVS has received funding through Project SANDI to complete courses in the Southern Nevada Veterans Home's Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) program. This program is designed to support veterans who are interested in pursuing careers in the medical industry and to those who provide care to veterans at the Southern Nevada State Veterans Home.

"This partnership with GOWINN through Project SANDI will result in greater healthcare services for Nevada's veterans while strengthening career pathways for them," said Fred Wagar, Director of the Nevada Department of Veteran Services. "Project SANDI will allow our servicemembers to bridge their skillset with credentials and certification that lead to rewarding careers."

Project SANDI helps Nevadans get the skills they need to succeed through short-term training programs in high-demand industry sector occupations. The funds specifically support training programs for those who are underemployed or unemployed and are trying to enter the labor force.

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“Project SANDI supports Nevada veterans by empowering them to gain credentials and certificates that will support their transition into civilian life and as they embark in careers, such as healthcare,” said Andrew Holbert, Program Manager for Veterans, Public Safety, & Career Education with the Governor’s Office of Workforce Innovation. “We want to empower all veterans in Nevada who are interested in receiving SANDI funding or learning more about this program to reach out to our office so we can help them start a new chapter with a career that best suits them.”

To learn more about programs being funded through Project SANDI or to find out if you are eligible for SANDI funding, visit nevadajobconnect.com/Superhero.

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About Project “SANDI”

Nevada is 1 of 8 States to be awarded the Supporting and Advancing Nevada’s Dislocated Individuals (SANDI) project from the U.S. Department of Education. This investment toward expanding short-term education and training opportunities increases Nevadan's access to career pathways in Nevada’s priority sectors including healthcare, advanced manufacturing, logistics, information technology (IT) and skilled trades to meet the needs of students, employers, and their local community. Project SANDI has supported more than 500 Nevadans from across the State in partnership with Great Basin College, College of Southern Nevada, Truckee Meadows Community College, Western Nevada College and other training providers.

About the Governor's Office of Workforce Innovation

GOWINN helps drive a skilled, diverse, and aligned workforce in the State of Nevada by promoting cooperation and collaboration among all entities focused on workforce development. Its chief objectives are to prepare all K-12 students for college and career success, increase the number of Nevadans with postsecondary credentials and increase labor force participation.

GRANT FUNDING DISCLOSURE

The Stevens Amendment is a federal regulation that requires U.S. Departments of Labor (DOL), Health and Human Services (HHS), and Education grant recipients to reveal the percent of the costs financed with federal funds, the federal dollar amount, and the percentage and dollar amount financed by nongovernmental funds. The regulation was created with the intent to inform taxpayers of how much money comes from Federal sources in any program, project, or grant activity. For Supporting and Advancing Nevada’s Dislocated Individuals (SANDI), the Project SANDI grant totaling \$13,818,298.92, awarded by the U.S. Department Education pays for all program costs.

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