



January 24, 2022

Mr. John Edmond, Regional Representative
Economic Development Administration
U.S. Department of Commerce
915 Second Avenue, Room 1890
Seattle, WA 98174-1001

RE: FY 2021 American Rescue Plan Act Build Back Better Regional Challenge Notice of Funding Opportunity EDA-HDQ-ARPBBB-2021-2006976 – Phase 2

Dear Mr. Edmond:

It is my pleasure to express Nevada GrantLab's support for Southern Nevada's Regional Challenge grant proposal. Sadly, few regions in the entire country need the EDA's transformational investment like Southern Nevada. Indeed, for the second time in a decade, our community is ground zero in a global economic crisis (this time brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic, last time by the Great Recession). Fortunately, as you will read in the proposal, our region has developed a smart, inclusive, and actionable plan to create good jobs in the near-term while dramatically diversifying and strengthening the economy in the long-term.

Nevada GrantLab, a Nevada-based nonprofit corporation, began in 2020 to support Nevada nonprofits and government agencies in accessing and maximizing federal resources that are needed to build greater quality of life and opportunity for all Nevadans. With significant local philanthropic support and explicit collaboration, we provide capacity building, coordination, and technical assistance services. So far, community partners have used our services (at no cost to them) to secure more than \$24 million in new grant funding to benefit Nevadans.

Our organization is committed to supporting the critical work proposed in Southern Nevada's Regional Challenge application. We are ready to bring to the full suite of our services in support of this vital effort, working closely with the coalition partners to identify, apply for, and secure any additional resources needed to leverage and sustain EDA's critical investment.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me at miles@nevadagrantslab.org or 702-580-6614. Thank you for the EDA's serious consideration of Southern Nevada's application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Miles Dickson", written over a light blue circular stamp.

Miles Dickson, J.D.
CEO & President