

Mr. John Edmond, Regional Representative  
Economic Development Administration  
U.S. Department of Commerce  
Seattle Regional Office  
Jackson Federal Building  
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-ARPBBS-2021-2006976 – Phase 2**

Dear Mr. Edmond:

On behalf of Youth Advocate Program, Inc. (YAP), I am writing to share our support for Southern Nevada's Build Back Better Regional Challenge Phase 2 grant proposal, led by the Las Vegas Global Economic Alliance (LVGEA). The proposal focuses on the growth of the Southern Nevada region's advanced manufacturing industry cluster through the advancement of four (4) tightly aligned, transformative projects with an emphasis on job creation, economic outputs, equity, and sustainability. Together, these projects will create a long-term, transformational plan for rebuilding Southern Nevada's regional economy that is fully aligned with the region's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDs).


YAP, founded in 1975 is a nationally recognized nonprofit, accredited by the Council on Accreditations (COA), exclusively committed to the provision of community-based alternatives to out-of-home care through direct services, advocacy and policy change. YAP's mission is to provide "safe, proven effective and economical alternatives to institutional placement" so that youth and families have the "opportunity to develop, contribute and be valued as assets" to their community.

In the event this proposal is funded, YAP's role in assisting LVGEA with the project would include:

- Forming a genuine partnership to Las Vegas Global Economic Alliance
- Participating in the programming leading towards the planning and implementation of economic community resiliency.

YAP looks forward to working with LVGEA and the Southern Nevada's Build Back Better Coalition on Phase 2 of this initiative. LVGEA is an important lead for this grant, and the breadth of the partners assembled to establish the coalition behind this proposal signals the community is aligned in our understanding of the opportunity this grant will bring to enhancing our regional economy in the identified project areas. If you have any questions, please contact me at [nrichards@yapinc.org](mailto:nrichards@yapinc.org) or (702) 631-9275.

Sincerely,

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