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Community Needs and COVID-19 Responses: Community Development, Animals, and Environment Organizations

Northern Nevada Literacy Council

Northern Nevada Literacy Council (NNLC) continue to provide Adult Basic Education classes both remotely, and in person at 50% capacity for those challenged with a lack of technology or computer skills to access classes remotely. These classes prepare adult learners, ages 17 and older, to sit for their High School Equivalency exams (HiSET), and/or improve their math, writing and English speaking Literacy. On July 1, 2020 NNLC began to offer a basic computer literacy class to all participants supporting the completion of their education, but also to prepare them for post-secondary education and employment. So many students, including out-of-school youth, are still without a computer to access class, create resumes, and complete job applications. NNLC needs laptops and tablets capable of operating Zoom and digital learning programs. NNLC needs \$10,000 for a technology scholarship fund that would award tablets and laptops to those seeking to complete their education, enter into post-secondary education/training, and move into the workforce.

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Rural Nevada Development Corporation

We have all phone extensions forwarded to cell phones. We are each in the office for a designated time (not to overlap) each day. All appointments have to be booked in advance, we are no longer taking walk ins and trying to do everything via video. We have had a few in person meetings, but that is in the conference room and not to exceed 3 people due to social distancing.

Providing alternative small business loans and housing programs (down payment assistance, weatherization, and homeowner rehab). If we could access more dollars for disaster loans, that would be helpful.

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Rotary Club of Elko Desert Sunrise

Has 1-10 volunteers who can help with civic needs (e.g. food delivery, meetings needs of shut-ins). To coordinate a volunteer project, contact Kevin Dinwiddie at kevindinwiddie@yahoo.com.

Feeding Pets of the Homeless

Emergency veterinary cases have remained steady with between 20-24 cases a week. Many of the 1,000 hospitals across the country that are in our network are not taking new clients or have shortened their hours of operation. It has been a struggle for our staff to find hospitals for our clients that have ill or injured pets.

With the fear of contracting COVID-19 many homeless have no place to “shelter in place” or the masks that are required in public places. Homeless shelters are not taking in new clients and are not taking in homeless with pets. Homeless are told not to leave their encampments and have no way of getting food or supplies. We require verification of homelessness and the agencies that used to do it have limited access or are not calling back.

Future needs:

\$5,000 will cover approximately 15 emergency veterinary cases in Northern NV.

\$1,000 will help cover the costs to sponsor a Wellness Clinic in Northern NV.

\$336 will cover the average cost of an emergency veterinary case.

Any cash amount will help us supply local food banks with pet food for low income as well as the homeless.

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Friends of Black Rock High Rock

Friends of Black Rock High Rock Visitor's Center in Gerlach is generally closed to the public. Occasionally you may see our team tabling outside or working at camp and recreation sites in the Field. We continue to answer and respond to phone calls, emails, online orders and other messages, while posting educational information through our social media pages @blackrockdesert.

FBRHR needs financial support for our Field Team, for conservation work now when we anticipate there will be more visitors to this area through August, September and into October. The Black Rock Desert is remote, 100 miles from Reno, with no grocery stores nearby. All donations support

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our work to conserve and protect the Black Rock Desert High Rock Canyon Emigrant Trails NCA in Northern Nevada, year-round. you!

- \$1,793 Field equipment.
- Stipends to volunteers for fuel \$3,000
 - (\$200 fuel/month * 3people * 5months = \$3,000)
- Stipends to volunteers for meals \$6,000
 - (\$13.33 * 3meals/day * 10days * 3people * 5months = \$6,000)

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Great Basin NP Foundation

Great Basin National Park is experiencing a drastic decrease in fee revenues this year. The Foundation will address this shortfall to the Park's interpretive program by sustaining the Junior Ranger program and Park astronomy programs in 2021.

COVID-19 has spurred us to implement Great Basin Observatory (GBO) university student support this year, sooner than planned or funded, and pivot our K-12 education to be virtual. Since the GBO is operated remotely from desktop computers, students can continue research during school closures, but we need to facilitate the ability for undergraduate students to learn how to operate and perform research with the GBO.

We will do this by creating a web-based learning platform. We continue to support K-12 science education through the distribution of classroom materials (Star Boxes) and offering virtual school visits and online science curriculum.

In order to support Great Basin National Park, the GBO, and *Reach for the Stars* Education and Outreach program, we need to raise a minimum of \$55,000 in 2020.

\$ 20,000 will support the development of a GBO web-based learning platform

\$ 6,000 will support Junior Ranger books and badges

\$ 16,000 will support 2 summer Park astronomy interns

\$ 13,000 will help cover our Program Manager

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Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful

KTMB postponed all cleanup events through April and May to help prevent the spread of the virus, including KTMB's Great Community Cleanup which typically engages 800+ volunteers. We are now coordinating small cleanups with updated safety protocols. Please follow KTMB's social media channels for volunteer opportunities.

We have discontinued all in person education presentations and tabling events during our busiest outreach time of the year. We are offering virtual presentations for both community and youth education.

Due to increased incidents of illegal dumping during the COVID shutdown, there is an increased need for cleanup coordination and blight removal. \$30,000 is needed for site logistics including volunteer recruitment and coordination, trash removal and dumpster rentals. Please share our online education www.ktmb.org/education-program/ and information about recycling and hazardous household waste disposal at Recyclist www.ktmb.org/recycle/.

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Nevada Outdoor School

Though our summer may look a little different this year due to the COVID -19 pandemic, Nevada Outdoor School will still be offering a series of summer camp programs for K-10th grades in rural, northern Nevada. We will be exploring some of Nevada's coolest outdoor recreation resources while staying closer to home in the Winnemucca and Elko areas and then continuing our classroom lessons and field trips with local schools in the fall. Because many funding requests and grant applications are either on hold or have been denied due to COVID -19 concerns or restrictions, Nevada Outdoor School is currently working to secure \$50,000 in financial resources to support summer camp expenses such as additional personal protective equipment and cleaning and sanitizing supplies to keep our staff and campers safe and healthy, plenty of pre-packaged snack foods, travel expenses and staff and AmeriCorps Members time. Your donation of any size will be gratefully accepted and by contributing to our cash needs today YOU personally can have an enormous positive impact on the stewards of our environments and outdoor education enthusiasts of the future.

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Wags Veterinary Clinic

Wags is a nonprofit mobile veterinary clinic providing affordable care for rural communities. We offer full service care and hope to be in full swing soon. Compassionate, competent, cost contained care. All services on hold. Immediate needs: \$50,000. Future needs: \$50,000

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