

STAFF REPORT

Date: March 12, 2025

To: Mayor and City Council

Through: Jackie Bryant, City Manager

Subject: Staff Report (For Possible Action): Acceptance of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Older Adults Home Modification Grant to the City of Reno Housing and Neighborhood Development Department in the amount of \$1,230,000 to provide low barrier, high impact home modifications to low-to moderate- income older adults.

From: Cori Fisher, Housing Manager
Monica Kirch, Director of Housing and Neighborhood Development

Department: Housing and Neighborhood Development

Summary:

The City of Reno Housing and Neighborhood Development (HAND) Department is seeking approval for the acceptance of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Older Adults Home Modification Grant. The grant, totaling \$1,230,000, will assist approximately 110 older adults (aged 62 and older) in receiving low-barrier, high-impact home modifications. The modifications aim to reduce fall risks, improve home safety, and empower seniors to age in place with dignity and independence.

Consent Review	Yes	No
1. Is this item an annual or standard item that comes before Council for regular approval?		x
2. Is this item an agreement required based on an item previously approved by Council?		x
3. Is this item included in the current budget approved and adopted by Council?		x
Other Considerations		
What percent of the total City budget does this item represent?	N/A	

Alignment with Strategic Plan:

Economic Opportunity, Homelessness, and Affordable Housing

Previous Council Action:

There is no recent Council action relevant to this item.

Background:

The City of Reno and Rebuilding Together Northern Nevada (RTNNV) have a strong track record of collaboration in addressing the housing needs of low- to moderate-income (LMI) households. Most recently, in 2022, RTNNV effectively utilized City funding to provide critical home repairs to LMI homeowners through the Neighborhood Renewal Program. City staff continued to explore additional opportunities to partner with RTNNV.

Discussion:

HAND recently identified and applied for a grant opportunity in partnership with Rebuilding Together Northern Nevada through the Older Adults Home Modification Grant Program. Staff was notified that the City of Reno was awarded the grant in the amount of \$1,230,000 to enable low-income elderly persons to remain in their homes through low-cost, low barrier, high impact home modifications to reduce older adults' risk of falling, improve general safety, increase accessibility, and to improve their functional abilities in their home. This will enable older adults to remain in their homes to “age in place,” rather than move to nursing homes or other assisted care facilities. The City of Reno will serve as the fiscal agent and oversee the program’s financial and operational accountability, while Rebuilding Together Northern Nevada will act as the sub-recipient, managing the application process, intake, and direct execution of home modifications. The program will exclusively benefit applicants with incomes at or below 80% of the Area Median Income (AMI), ensuring assistance is targeted to those most in need.

The grant is built on two core principles: first, that aging individuals often require modifications to their living environment to remain safe at home; and second, that effective interventions must align with an individual’s personal goals and needs. To support this, RTNNV will provide a Certified Aging-in-Place Specialist, supervised by a licensed Occupational Therapist, to help older adults identify their goals and develop strategies to safely navigate their homes.

Financial Implications:

This grant does not require a match. No financial implications.

Legal Implications:

Legal review completed for compliance with City procedures and Nevada law.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends Council accept the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Older Adults Home Modification Grant to the City of Reno Housing and Neighborhood Development Department in the amount of \$1,230,000 and authorize the City Manager and/or Mayor to sign the necessary documents.

Proposed Motion:

I move to approve staff recommendation.

Attachments: