

## STAFF REPORT

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**Date:** December 13, 2023

**To:** Mayor and City Council

**Thru:** Doug Thornley, City Manager

**Subject:** Staff Report (For Possible Action): Acceptance of the SilverSummit Community Investment Program Grant Award to the City of Reno Housing and Neighborhood Development Department to support and expand the Reno Works Program in the amount of \$75,000.

**From:** Elaine Wiseman, Management Analyst

**Department:** City Manager’s Office – Housing & Neighborhood Development

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**Summary:**

Staff recommends Council acceptance of the SilverSummit Community Investment Program Grant Award to expand the Reno Works Program to include additional educational programming, as well as wrap-around services post-graduation, and authorize the City Manager to sign the necessary documents.

<b>Consent Review</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
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
<b>Other Considerations</b>		
What percent of the total city budget does this item represent?		.00008%

**Alignment with Strategic Plan:**

Economic Opportunity, Homelessness, and Affordable Housing

**Previous Council Action:**

There is no recent Council action relevant to this item.

**Background:**

Reno Works is a 12-week workforce development partnership program between the City of Reno and Volunteers of America Northern California and Northern Nevada (VOA). Established in

2015, Reno Works was designed specifically to empower individuals experiencing homelessness by providing them with essential workforce development skills. Recruiting individuals who are unstably housed, Reno Works offers a range of supportive services, including temporary employment, skills training, long-term employment support, wrap-around case management, and housing placement and assistance.

Since the inception of the program, Reno Works has been funded by the City of Reno (General Fund), as well as charitable donations made to VOA specifically for the program.

**Discussion:**

Housing and Neighborhood Development (HAND) recently identified and applied for a grant opportunity through the Community Investment Program with SilverSummit HealthPlan to expand the Reno Works Program. The intent of the application was to add additional programming to the existing program, as well as additional support for participants after they graduate from the program. Staff was notified that the City of Reno was awarded the maximum allowable amount (\$75,000) to implement these program additions. This grant will evolve Reno Works into Reno Works +, a program that will broaden support services and educational offerings to participants.

The award will be utilized for post-graduation wrap-around services and to implement two classes of "Getting Ahead." The Getting Ahead program is designed to empower participants with essential skills and perspectives that create a bridge out of poverty.

**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 SilverSummit Community Investment Program Grant Award to the City of Reno Housing and Neighborhood Development Department to support the Reno Works+ Program in the amount of \$75,000 and authorize the City Manager and/or Mayor to sign the necessary documents.

**Proposed Motion:**

I move to approve staff recommendation.

**Attachments:**

SilverSummit Health Plan Grant Award