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## Nevada GOED and USDA Host Free Workshop in Tonopah to Help Rural Nevada Non-Profit Organizations Thrive

**TONOPAH, Nev.** – The Nevada Governor's Office of Economic Development (GOED) teamed up with the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development and the Town of Tonopah to host a workshop for non-profit organizations or those interested in starting one in rural Nevada.

The Non-Profit Workshop will be held on Thursday, April 25, from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. in the Tonopah Convention Center, 301 Brougher Ave. The free workshop will focus on how to operate a non-profit organization in rural Nevada, including understanding the role of the board of directors, the role of the staff, IRS and state compliance, and fiscal management.

"Non-profit organizations have long helped Nevada communities prosper. I hope that organizations and individuals considering starting a non-profit group will take advantage of this free workshop in Tonopah," Gov. Steve Sisolak said. "It is a unique opportunity with GOED and the USDA pooling their resources and talent to assist rural Nevadans in establishing nonprofits to help their communities."

GOED staff will share information about establishing and sustaining non-profit organizations such as the Nevada Main Street Revitalization program, which supports downtown revitalization efforts in communities that will lead to private investment, job creation or retention, establishing or expanding viable businesses, or creating a stronger tax base.

"Workshops such as this help GOED and the USDA develop strategic partnerships with our rural communities and are instrumental to increase economic opportunities," said GOED Interim Executive Director Kristopher Sanchez. "Residents involved with non-profit organizations are helping to improve their communities and help them thrive."

The Tonopah Non-Profit Workshop is designed to help rural nonprofit leaders develop techniques to more easily operate. The workshop will also offer non-profit organization leaders to network and see if there are ways to collaborate to share operating costs.

"While our state has a number of nonprofits, rural Nevadans could benefit from new non-profit organizations stepping in and providing some of the social services that are not readily available in rural

communities," said Louise Torres, Community Solutions Specialist for USDA Rural Development in Nevada and California.

For more information or to RSVP for the free event, please send an email to <a href="mailto:kat.townoftonopah@gmail.com">kat.townoftonopah@gmail.com</a>, and should bring their own lunch. For more information about USDA Rural Development, please visit <a href="mailto:usda.gov">usda.gov</a>.

For more information about the Nevada GOED's Main Street Program or to apply, visit diversifynevada.com.

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## About the Governor's Office of Economic Development

Created during the 2011 session of the Nevada Legislature, the <u>Governor's Office of Economic</u> <u>Development</u> is the result of a collaborative effort between the Nevada Legislature and the Governor's Office to restructure economic development in the state. GOED's role is to promote a robust, diversified and prosperous economy in Nevada, to stimulate business expansion and retention, encourage entrepreneurial enterprise, attract new businesses and facilitate community development. More information on the Governor's Office of Economic Development can be viewed at <u>diversifynevada.com</u>.