

FOA VALLEY NEWS

Your community resource hub to increase civic participation through faith-based and civic organizations.



COVID FUNDING IS NEAR, BUT HOW WILL IT BE SPENT?

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Earlier this year in March, President Joe Biden signed the American Rescue plan. Southern Nevada officials have a deadline of August 30th to decide how best to use funds from the coronavirus relief package. With over a half-billion dollars in federal pandemic relief funds, Southern Nevada municipal governments are receiving mounds of suggestions on how to spend it. Nevada State Treasurer Zach Conine opened the floor and encouraged those with suggestions, both broad and specific, on how to use the funds or improve the state to bring it to the attention of government officials. "We've gotten hundreds of submissions from Nevadans all around the state," he said.

Areas expected to be addressed in the final funding packages include assisting hard-hit neighborhoods and households, affordable housing, small business support and workforce training, healthcare, and infrastructure. Earlier this month Sisolak declared the \$100 million in state grants that were already awarded to close to 10,000 Nevada businesses and organizations, which is "the largest small-business program in Nevada history."

President of the Latin Chamber of Commerce, Peter Guzman brought attention to the success that program and remarked that small-business owners should get strong consideration for future support as well. "Grant dollars to small businesses help them stay open, keep people employed, and keep dollars turning in our community". He also stressed that these are not handouts, and he encourages businesses to seek any grant money they qualify for. "Remember where these dollars come from – it's our money," he said. "It's handing you back a little bit of your money." Gov. Steve Sisolak, legislative leaders, and Conine developed the "[Every Nevadan Recovery Framework](#)," a strategy for using American Rescue Plan Fund that it says "puts individuals and families right at the center." [CLICK HERE](#) to view the [State of Nevada strategic planning for American Rescue Plan funding](#).

HELP ENGAGE OUR COMMUNITY INTO ACTION!

Faith Organizing Alliance (FOA) is COMMITTED to educating our communities in partnership with faith and civic groups on political issues, clean energy, voting rights, economic and social justice for Nevada's future. We offer many opportunities to connect with the community by volunteering, door canvassing, phone bank, recruiting for events and supporting FOA on Social Media events. Click [HERE](#) to [JOIN OUR TEAM](#) or visit https://www.faithorganizingalliance.org/get_involved.

For your voice to be heard, you must REGISTER TO VOTE! Who can register? Individuals 18 and older; including newly eligible voters who were formerly incarcerated. You can also update your information ie., if you need to update your address, name or change political party. [REGISTER TO VOTE HERE](#) or go to <https://tinyurl.com/foanv1>

WHAT'S NEXT:

- **FAITH ORGANIZING ALLIANCE IS HIRING!**
 WE ARE LOOKING FOR SOME SPIRITED INDIVIDUALS TO JOIN THE TEAM.
 POSITIONS AVAILABLE:
 - TEAM LEAD
 - CANVASSER
 FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:
FAITH@FAITHORGANIZINGALLIANCE.ORG
- **COVID TESTING & VACCINATION SITES**
 - ONGOING - VACCINATION SITES WITH SOUTHERN NEVADA HEALTH DISTRICT AND PARTNER VACCINATION CLINICS:
[HTTPS://COVID.SOUTHERNNEVADAHEALTHDISTRICT.ORG/VACCINE/DISTRIBUTION/](https://COVID.SOUTHERNNEVADAHEALTHDISTRICT.ORG/VACCINE/DISTRIBUTION/)
 - ONGOING - COVID-19 TESTING SITES WITH SOUTHERN NEVADA HEALTH DISTRICT:
[HTTP://COVID.SOUTHERNNEVADAHEALTHDISTRICT.ORG/TESTING/](http://COVID.SOUTHERNNEVADAHEALTHDISTRICT.ORG/TESTING/)

SAVE THE DATE:

- CHURCHES OF SOUTHERN LAS VEGAS MEMBERS - WE ARE GOING TO TAKE A UNIFIED PORTRAIT ON THE STEPS OF CITY HALL ON SATURDAY, 8/14 AT 9AM. PLEASE WEAR YOUR ROBES AND CLERGY ATTIRE.
- 2 YEAR PASTORAL CELEBRATION - 12/15-17/2021 HONORING SENIOR PASTOR DR. ROSE M. GASTON. FOLLOW GHIM ON FACEBOOK FOR MORE INFO.

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—Rep. John Lewis

