NYE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA ITEM REQUEST FORM

Department: Finance	**Meeting Date:**
Category: Timed Agenda Item - 10:00 a.m.	April 15, 2025
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Action requested: (Include what, with whom, when, where, why, and terms)

Final presentation by Ryan Muccio with NyE Communities Coalition (NyECC) regarding program results pursuant to the Nye County ARPA Recovery Plan and Policy: Public Health Assistance-Mental Health and Homeless Programs.

Complete description of requested action: (Include, if applicable, background, impact, long-term commitment, existing county policy, future goals, obtained by competitive bid, accountability measures)

Pursuant to the Nye County ARPA Recovery Plan and Policy each sub-grantee shall conduct a final presentation for the Board of Nye County Commissioners (BoCC) to summarize the completed program and results..

On December 6, 2022 the BoCC awarded NyE Communities Coalition $115,386.70 to support the SSI/SSDI, Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SOAR) Mental Health Program. The final grant reimbursement payment was issued to NyECC on 3/4/25. All grant funds have been paid out.

On February 22, 2023 the BoCC awarded NyE Communities Coalition $37,728.02 to support the SOAR Homeless Program. The final reimbursement payment was issued to NyECC on 2/1/25. All grant funds have been paid out.

Both grants are now closed.

Recommendation:

Financial Impact

Cost:	Fund Name:		Fund #:
Budgeted: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A	FY:	☐ One-Time ☐ Recurring	
Comments:			

Review & Approval

Legal Review Required: ☐ Yes ☑ No	Legal Approval Received: ☐	Date:
Financial Review Required: ☐ Yes ☑ No	Submitted to Finance: ☐	Date:
Administrative Manager Review: ☑	Place on Agenda: ☑	Initials: ST

Item # 11

NYE County
ARPA Recovery Plan
Public Assistance
Programmatic Report

Nye County Grants
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Grant Period:	December 28, 2022 - June 30, 2026
	March 18, 2023 - June 30, 2026
Program Name:	Public Health Assistance - Mental health Initiatives
	Public Health Assistance - Homeless Assistance
Grant Applicant #:	NYEARP-PAAO-0002 - SOAR
	NYEARP-PAAO-0005 - SOAR
Organization Name:	NyE Communities Coalition
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Ryan Muccio   3/25/2025
(Presenter name and title)   Date

DJ Mills   3/25/2025
(Authorized Signer and title)   Date

1.) What did you accomplish during this reporting period and how did these accomplishments help you reach your stated project goal(s) and objective(s). Please note any significant project partners and their role in project activities.

During this reporting period, we successfully expanded our SSA benefit outreach efforts to Tonopah on a monthly basis, allowing us to significantly enhance access to important resources in frontier regions of our county. By strengthening our collaborative partnerships with local emergency services and the hospital, we were able to proactively identify individuals in crisis or need, providing community follow-up to ensure their timely connection to necessary resources and supports. Additionally, we continue to engage with our local incarceral populations that will be released, offering individualized case management and targeted skills development upon reentry, with a specific focus on reducing criminal risk factors. These expanded initiatives have directly contributed to our goals by building additional protective factors, improving access to resources, and enabling individuals to stabilize within their own homes and communities.

2.) What, if any, challenges did you face during this reporting period and what actions did you take to address these challenges? Please note in your response; changes, if any, to your project goal(s), objective(s), or activities that were made as a result of challenges faced.

During this reporting period, the project faced several challenges, including staffing shortages and the need to hire case managers, uncertain release dates creating gaps in service and continuity of care, limited availability of behavioral health services, and mismatches between individuals' acuity levels and available care options. To address these challenges, the project expanded the use of telehealth services, enhanced transportation assistance, and increased support to remove technology-related barriers. Despite these challenges, no changes were made to the project's original goals, objectives, or core activities.

3.) How have the activities conducted during this project period helped you to achieve the measurable outcomes identified in your project proposal?

Activities conducted during this project period include the end user training of evidence-based risk assessments to program staff in Tonopah. Additionally we were able to expand program reach of SSA Benefit Specialist through monthly travel to Tonopah, and collaboration with multidisciplinary teams based on complex client case plans have all contributed to our ability to achieve the measurable outcomes identified in our proposal. These activities allowed us to serve traditionally underserved communities, effectively address issues such as behavioral health needs, and leverage interns to extend our capacity. Additionally, we continue to work closely with regional and community partners to facilitate the provision of comprehensive services that are sometimes limitated.

4.) What was produced during the reporting period and how have these products been disseminated? Products may include articles, issue briefs, fact sheets, newsletters, survey instruments, sponsored conferences and workshops, websites, audiovisuals, and other informational resources.

During this reporting period, we produced resource trifold brochures listing common behavioral health resources and relevant contact information. These brochures are distributed to front-end service workers (such as emergency responders, hospital staff, and law enforcement) who frequently interact with individuals in need, ensuring the information reaches those most likely to benefit.

Additionally, we presented at a national conference alongside other Nevada programs, showcasing Nye County's efforts in community response and jail reentry. The presentation highlighted our collaborative approach, rural-specific challenges, service delivery strategies and lessons learned to a broader audience.

1.) What measurable outcomes did you establish for this project and what indicators did you use to measure performance? To what extent did your project achieve these outcomes?

For this project, measurable outcomes were established across three primary areas: SOAR Disability Benefits Assistance, Community-Based Re-Entry Case Management, and Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) partnerships. For SOAR, targeted outcomes included outreach to 500–600 individuals, conducting 155 eligibility interviews, submitting 117 applications to the Social Security Administration, and successfully securing benefits for 80 individuals. In Community-Based Re-Entry Case Management, outcomes were defined as providing case management services to 239 individuals and developing 112 individualized case plans, and providing around 600 referrals to services. ACT partnership outcomes involved delivering case management to 46 individuals, developing 31 case plans, holding between 10–15 multi-disciplinary client conferences, and successfully connecting clients with 31 partner organizations. Overall, based on the initial performance metrics the project substantially met its intended outcomes, resulting in improved delivery of direct services and improved coordination across systems.

2.) What, if any, challenges did you face during the project and what actions did you take to address these challenges?

We faced challenges like a lack of housing options, slow Social Security processes, high demand for transportation, and not enough mental health services nearby. To solve these problems, we build rapport with Social Security staff to speed up applications and used travel funds to help people get to Las Vegas for services. We also worked with local organizations to connect people to transitional housing and created directories to make resources easier to find. When mental health services were limited, we expanded telehealth options. We also trained our team to improve how they work with clients. These actions helped us stay on track and keep providing support even when things were difficult.

3.) What impact do you think this project has had to date? What are the lessons you learned from undertaking this project?

This project has significantly improved stability and quality of life for individuals experiencing serious mental illness and those transitioning out of incarceration. Through SOAR efforts, 80 individuals secured disability benefits, providing critical income to help maintain stable housing, medical care, and mental health treatment. Additionally, 239 individuals received community-based re-entry case management, with many successfully obtaining Medicaid and SNAP benefits, employment opportunities, housing placements, behavioral health treatment, and essential identification documents...substantially reducing barriers linked to recidivism. Key lessons include the necessity of flexible, individualized support, cross-system partnerships, and ongoing engagement to effectively support individuals toward lasting stability and reduced system involvement.

4.) What will happen to the project after this grant has ended? Will project activities be sustained? Will project activities be replicated? If the project will be sustained or replicated, what other funding sources will allow this to occur? Please note your significant partners in this project and if/how you will continue to work on this activity?

With secured funding in place, the services supported by this grant will continue without interruption, ensuring continuity of care and ongoing support for individuals with serious mental illness and those re-entering the community from incarceration. Project activities will not only be sustained but also strengthened and expanded based on lessons learned and proven impact. Continued funding will allow us to maintain the roles of the SOAR Benefits Specialist and Community-Based Re-Entry Case Manager, while ongoing collaboration with significant partners; including local behavioral health providers, housing agencies, detention center staff, and social service organizations will ensure coordinated service delivery. These partnerships remain essential, and we are committed to deepening this work together to deliver meaningful impact to our community's residents.

5.) Over the entire project period, what were the key publications and communications activities? How were they dissemincated or communicated? Products and communications activities may include articles, issue briefs, fact sheets, newsletters, survey instruments, sponsored conferences and workshops, websites, audiovisuals, and other informational resources?

Throughout the project, we created helpful materials like updated resource directories, brochures for justice-involved individuals, and fact sheets about Social Security benefits. These were shared at many events to make sure people have access to important information. We also worked on a reentry case management handbook to help other organizations set up similar programs. Presentations to statewide partners helped us share what we've learned and show how these resources can make a difference for vulnerable people in our community.