



May 28, 2019

Department of Housing and Urban Development
451 7th Street SW
Washington, DC 201410

RE: 14.276 Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing on behalf of the City Council for the City of Sparks, Nevada in support of Eddy House and the Northern Nevada Continuum of Care (CoC) proposal for the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) application. This proposal will address the needs of youth experiencing homelessness in our community, including youth who are pregnant and parenting, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender. The goal is to ensure that vulnerable youth are provided the safety, housing, and services they will need to transition to successful adults.

Through strong partnerships and collaboration, the City of Sparks will work with the Continuum of Care to address and solve the challenges outlined in this application including:

- Emergency Shelter for youth experiencing homelessness;
- Access to community resources;
- Data collection and sharing;
- Transitional housing needs;
- Programs and services designed specifically for homeless youth.

The City of Sparks supports the activities of the Eddy House by providing Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding to the Continuum of Care (CoC). Eddy House and the City of Sparks are collaborative participants in the CoC as well as the Reno Area Alliance for the Homeless (RAAH). The Eddy House has received grant funding through the CoC supporting them in providing a sustainable operation to continue to provide services to our region's homeless youth.

Thank you for your consideration of this application.

Sincerely,

Ronald E. Smith
Mayor

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