



Contact Request Form Issue Areas

The following is a brief description of issue areas that may be relevant and/or related to your work in community engagement. Examples of organizations working within each issue area is provided for reference as well.

Issue Area Definitions

Arts/Culture Individuals/Organizations that advocate for, support, develop, or promote the work of artists in various visual and performing art forms. Examples include: BunnyFish Studio, Las Vegas Artists Guild, The Smith Center, museums, community arts organizations, artists, etc.

Banking/Finance Individuals/Organizations that provide financial services (lending, investment, capital management, etc.), or are involved in monetary policy. Examples include: JP Morgan Chase, Federal Reserve, Clearinghouse CDFI, VTF Capital, bankers, investors, brokers, etc.

Bicycle/Pedestrian Individuals/Organizations that advocate for or work to improve bikeability and walkability. Examples include: local planning and transit agencies, parks and/or public works departments, Las Vegas Valley Bicycle Club, urban planning firms, bicycle and/or pedestrian advocates, etc.

Civil Rights Individuals/Organizations that advocate for or work to ensure individuals can participate in civil and political life without discrimination or repression by protecting individuals' freedom from infringement by governments, organizations, and private individuals. Examples include: NAACP, ACLU, Southern Poverty Law Center, LGBTQ organizations and advocates, disability rights organizations and advocates, etc.

Design & Construction Individuals/Organizations involved in the constructing of buildings or infrastructure. Examples include: Las Vegas Paving Corp, Martin Harris Construction, construction firms, landscape architecture firms, architecture and/or engineering firms, etc.

Economic Development Individuals/Organizations that seek to improve the economic conditions and quality of life for a community, generally through policy interventions that aim to create or retain jobs, recruit new businesses, assist in the expansion of businesses, or assist in the start-up of new businesses. Examples include: city economic development departments and redevelopment agencies, Las Vegas Global Economic Alliance (LVGEA), Downtown Las Vegas Alliance, chambers of commerce, business districts and coalitions (i.e., 18b Arts District, Maryland Parkway Coalition), etc.

Education Individuals/Organizations that provide, advocate for, support, or work to improve education (Pre-K-12- Higher). Examples include: Children's Advocacy Alliance, Every Child Matters, Clark County School District (CCSD), learning advocacy organizations, Clark County School District (CCSD), Children's Advocacy Alliance, Every Child Matters, Nevada Department of Education, Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE), University of Nevada – Las Vegas (UNLV), College of Southern Nevada (CSN), faculty and administrators, etc.

Environment/Sustainability Individuals/Organizations that seek to protect, analyze, or monitor the environment, and/or advocate for the sustainable management of resources. Examples include: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Conservation District of Southern Nevada, Southern Nevada Water Authority (SNWA), Sierra Club, Green Chips, federal land management agencies (i.e., National Park Service, US Fish and Wildlife Service, US Forest Service), Desert Landscape Conservation Cooperative, other environmental organizations and advocates, etc.

Faith-based Individuals/Organizations associated with religious organizations or other charitable organizations affiliated or identified with a religious group(s). Examples include: Catholic Charities, Jewish Family Services, religious institutions (i.e., places of worship), etc.

Food/Nutrition Individuals/Organizations that advocate for or support healthy eating/nutrition efforts, or are involved in the production or distribution of healthy foods. Examples include: Southern Nevada Health District (SNHD), Three Square Food Bank, UNLV School of Community Health Sciences, community garden advocates, local farmers, etc.

Health/Medical Individuals/Organizations involved in advocating for patients' rights, promoting public health, or providing goods and services to treat patients. Examples include: Cleveland Clinic, Southern Nevada Health District (SNHD), UNLV School of Medicine, Salud en Accion, healthcare facilities, healthcare advocates, doctors, dentists, nurses, etc.

Housing Individuals/Organizations that advocate for or develop housing for individuals who cannot afford local market-rate housing. Examples include: Nevada HAND, Southern Nevada Regional Housing Authority (SNRHA), HELP USA, Habitat for Humanity, housing advocates, etc.

Parks/Recreation Individuals/Organizations that advocate for, support, plan, or maintain community parks, public open spaces, and recreation opportunities. Examples includes: City parks departments, Get Outdoors Nevada, Regional Open Space & Trails (ROST) workgroup, U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Urban Land Institute (ULI), U.S. National Park Service, Sierra Club, Las Vegas Valley Bicycle Club, city parks and recreation departments, community centers, etc.

Philanthropy, Foundations, Non-governmental entities, and those associated with them, established as nonprofit corporations or charitable trusts, with a principal purpose of making grants to unrelated organizations, institutions, or individuals for scientific, educational, cultural, religious, or other charitable purposes. Examples include: The Rogers Foundation, Caesars Foundation, the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Brookings Institute, Guinn Center for Policy Progress, etc.

Planning & Public Works Individuals/Organizations involved in or responsible for city planning and development or maintaining, operating, and improving public use infrastructure and facilities, including municipal buildings, roadways, public services, etc. Examples include: city planning departments, Metropolitan Planning Organizations, Urban Land Institute (ULI), municipal planners, city public works departments, civil engineers, etc.

Public Safety Individuals/Organizations that advocate for or work to provide services in support of protecting the safety and wellbeing of citizens. Examples include: Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, Nevada Highway Patrol, police officers, firefighters, other law enforcement agents, public safety advocates, etc.

Public Utility Individuals/Organizations involved in maintaining infrastructure for a public service, such as electricity, natural gas, and water. Examples include: NV Energy, Southwest Gas, Las Vegas Valley Water District, etc.

Real Estate Development Individuals/Organizations that support, advocate for, or are involved in the process of buying, improving, or selling buildings or land, and arranging for new buildings to be built. Includes housing, architecture/ design, construction, and banking/finance. Examples include: Molasky Co., KB Home, Sansone Development, Forest City, Maryland Parkway Coalition, redevelopment agencies, etc.

Social Services Individuals/Organizations that provide a range of public services provided by government, private, or nonprofit organizations. These services aim to create more effective organizations, build stronger communities, and promote equality and opportunity. Examples include: Economic Opportunity Board of Clark County, Helping Hands of Vegas Valley, Clark County Social Service, East Valley Family Services, Lutheran Social Services, social workers, etc.

Transportation/Transit Individuals/Organizations engaged in the transportation system. Examples include: Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada (RTC), Nevada Department of Transportation, Southern Nevada Transit Coalition, Club Ride, pedestrian/cyclist advocates, etc.

Workforce Development Individuals/Organizations involved in creating and sustaining a viable workforce that can support current and future business and industry (generally through training, retraining, and support services). Examples include: Nevada Department of Employment, Training, and Rehabilitation (DETR), Nevada Partners, Urban League, etc.