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Nevada HAND President & CEO Receives Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce’s “Executive of the Year” Award

Vegas Chamber recognizes Audra Hamernik for her strategic efforts to make Nevada HAND Southern Nevada’s nonprofit leader in affordable housing

LAS VEGAS, NV – Nevada HAND President & CEO, Audra Hamernik, was named Executive of the Year by the Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce. She received the honor at the 2022 Vegas Chamber Business of the Year Awards where five businesses and one executive were recognized for their contributions to the Southern Nevada community.

The finalists and winners are chosen by the Vegas Chamber’s Business of the Year Awards Selection Committee. The Executive of the Year is awarded to an individual who “exemplifies innovative and strategic vision of the company, while executing a culture of inclusivity, creativity and achieving business growth in both reach and revenue.”

“Winning the Executive of the Year award is an incredible honor, and I am so thankful to Vegas Chamber for recognizing our organization’s efforts to create high-quality affordable housing and provide life-enriching resident services to thousands of Southern Nevadans,” said Audra Hamernik. “Congratulations to all the nominees for their hard work in the community,” she said. “Furthering Nevada HAND’s mission and vision is made possible through the support of our community partners. This support allows us to continue to provide affordable housing solutions for low-income families and seniors as we address our state’s affordable housing crisis.”

Last month, Nevada HAND was awarded \$36 million in funds from Clark County’s Community Housing Fund to build and rehab hundreds of affordable housing units throughout Southern Nevada to address the state’s affordable housing crisis. Currently, there is a need for over 85,000 units of affordable housing in Nevada ranking the most severe in the country. The funds will allow the nonprofit affordable housing developer to build an additional 613 units on top of the 800 units that they already have under construction.

As Southern Nevada's nonprofit leader in affordable housing, Nevada HAND not only strives to provide residents with more than a place to live by offering life-enriching Resident Services to every resident, but also by offering affordable rents that cost an average of \$733 per month. The nonprofit also ensures that residents' homes are modern, efficient, and accessible for any family or senior residents' needs. The 800 units currently under construction are a combination of new construction, like Decatur Commons Family and Decatur Commons Senior, or existing developments that are being rehabbed, like Desert Pines Apartments.

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About Nevada HAND's Resident Services

Nevada HAND's Resident Services is founded on four pillars: Education, Health & Wellness, Financial Stability, and Community Engagement. Resident Services Coordinators meet one-on-one with residents to assess their needs and connect them with critical resources, programming, and information that offer them social, financial, educational, and health-related benefits.

About Nevada HAND

Since 1993, Nevada HAND has provided affordable housing and supportive services to low-income individuals. Nevada HAND is the state's largest nonprofit 501(c)(3) and is dedicated to the financing, development, construction, and management of high-quality affordable homes. With 35 affordable communities in Southern Nevada, including the only two affordable assisted living facilities in the state, Nevada HAND serves more than 8,000 seniors and families every day. Nevada HAND's affordable apartment communities are coupled with life-enriching Resident Services. Our support helps residents climb the ladder of success and provides them with the opportunity to access resources and programming for financial stability, education, health and wellness, and community engagement. For more information about Nevada HAND, visit nevadahand.org.

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