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Grants for the Benefit of Homeless Individuals



Nevada County Behavioral Health applied for a Federal Grant from the SAMHSA (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration) that could enable us to serve individuals who are experiencing homelessness. The maximum

grant award is \$400,000 a year for five years. This grant will fund services for chronically homeless individuals who also struggle with mental illness and/or a substance use disorder. The proposal is to create a multi-disciplinary team, consisting of a Personal Services Coordinator, a Chemical Dependency Counselor, a Peer Support Specialist and a Housing Specialist. A Peer Support Specialist is someone who has experience with being homeless and/or has experienced mental illness and a substance use disorder. A Housing Specialist is someone who does outreach to landlords, is aware of housing resources in the community and is good at finding creative solutions to housing. This team will outreach to individuals who are experiencing homelessness and offer services that would help individuals overcome barriers to living in a permanent safe housing. They will attempt to prevent homelessness, providing new permanent housing and helping people maintain their homes. Please contact Rebecca Slade at rebecca.slade@co.nevada.ca.us or at (530) 470-2784 for further information.

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Nevada County Awarded the CCAEA 2017 People's Choice Award

The Nevada County Facilities Management Division was awarded the 2017 People's Choice Award by the California Counties Architects and Engineers Association (CCAEA) on Tuesday, April 25th. Nevada County received the award for the Brighton

Greens Project.



The project consisted of locating and leasing a 20,000 square foot office building to house seven County departments and eighty-five staff from other County locations to establish the first Nevada County Resources Center. The Resource Center is a one stop shop for the Veteran's Service Office, Children's Behavioral Health, Children's Protective Services, Women, Infants and Children, CalWORKs, Department of Child Support Services, Social Services Eligibility and Alliance for Workforce Development. Citizens no longer need to travel around to multiple locations for services, and often find there are benefits available that they were not aware of.

As reported in the February 24th Friday Memo, the Brighton Greens Project also received the CCAEA 2017 Small County Award along with the CCAEA Merit Award for the Crisis Stabilization Unit Project at the Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital.

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Nevada County and Airbnb TOT Deal Begins May 1st

Nevada County and Airbnb have reached a tax partnership that is set to begin May 1st. Under the partnership, Airbnb will begin collecting the 10% Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) on behalf of hosts in the unincorporated areas of Nevada County. Guests will be charged the appropriate taxes on their Airbnb bill the same as they would if they had stayed in a hotel and the company will then remit the taxes collected to the County.

This announcement follows Airbnb's tax deals with 275 jurisdictions around the world. To date, Airbnb has [collected and remitted over \\$240 million in hotel, tourist, and occupancy taxes](#). Tax partnerships such as this one allow states, cities, and counties to rightfully benefit in the economic impact of home sharing.

"Nevada County is excited to partner with Airbnb for Transient Occupancy Tax collection. This agreement will streamline our processes, reduce workloads and create a working relationship that will benefit the County as well as our constituents," said Tina Vernon, Nevada County Treasurer & Tax Collector.

"The vast majority of Airbnb hosts are middle class families who share their home and want to pay their fair share. We are excited to announce this partnership that will allow us to collect hotel taxes on behalf of hosts in the unincorporated areas of Nevada County. Our community of hosts are committed to being good neighbors and strengthening their city's local economy," said Marisa Moret, Public Policy Manager for Airbnb.

About Nevada County

Nevada County is the 36th most populous county in California and home to about 100,000 residents. Nevada City, Grass Valley, Truckee, and nine unincorporated areas make up Nevada County. According to a study by Dean Runyon Associates, in 2014, Nevada County benefitted from \$304 million in travel related spending. From 2000-2014, visitor spending in Nevada County increased on average 3.2% annually. More information about Nevada County can be found [here](#).

For more information please contact Jasmine Mora at Jasmine.Mora@airbnb.com or call her at (310) 503-8684, or Tina Vernon, Nevada County Treasurer & Tax Collector at Tina.Vernon@co.nevada.ca.us or call her at (530)-265-1285.

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Prescription Drug Take-Back Set for April 29th



Most of us have a leftover bottle of prescription medication in our medicine cabinet that we no longer need or is expired. Few of us know what to properly do with prescription drugs once we no longer need them (here's a hint: don't flush them or throw them in the trash!).

Saturday, April 29th, is Prescription Drug Take-Back Day, a free event hosted by local police departments in collaboration with the DEA, Nevada County Public Health, Coalition for a Drug-Free Nevada County, Tahoe-Truckee Future without Drug Dependence, and Tahoe Forest Health System.

To drop off your prescription, mark out any personal information on your bottle and bring it to the drop-off events at the following locations:

Grass Valley

Pioneer Lot (across from downtown GV Safeway)
Corner of South Auburn and Neal Street
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Truckee

Gateway Shopping Center parking lot (in front of Safeway)
11290 Donner Pass Road
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

You can always drop your unused prescriptions off at one of the many permanent Rx Drug Bins:

- Grass Valley Police Department (Prescription drugs only)
- Kmart Pharmacy, Grass Valley (Prescription and over-the-counter drugs, sharps)
- Save Mart Pharmacy, Grass Valley (Prescription drugs only)
- Nevada County Behavioral Health & Public Health Offices, Grass Valley (Prescription and over-the-counter drugs only)
- Truckee Police Department (Prescription and over-the-counter drugs only)

For more information, contact Devin Bradley, Health Education Coordinator at Nevada County Public Health: (530) 550-2309 or devin.bradley@co.nevada.ca.us. [More information is available on the Public Health website.](#)

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Only 20% of Nevada County Veterans are Receiving Service-Related Benefits

The latest United States Department of Veterans Affairs data reveals there are 9,146 veterans living in Nevada County and 1,841 veterans are receiving a monthly benefit of Compensation or Pension payments related to their service in the armed forces. Of those veterans, 92% are receiving disability compensation related to injuries they received while serving and 8% are receiving a limited

pension to help in their day-to-day living costs.

All totaled, for Fiscal Year 2015/2016, these benefits result in \$34,388,000 being paid out to Nevada County veterans and their families...Federally tax free at that!

The majority of the veterans receiving benefits are ages 55 and older, while less than 22% of those veterans are between the age ranges of 18-54. Often many veterans return home from military service and get right back their civilian lives of work and raising their family and forget about applying for benefits related to service related injuries they received. They probably don't know that by filing a disability claim, it might open the door for free college tuition for their children.

If you know of a veteran who is not receiving benefits, please encourage them to come into the Nevada County Veteran Services Office, Brighton Green Resource Center, located at 988 McCourtney Road in Grass Valley, and meet with a Veteran Services Representative.



If you are a veteran and would like to discuss what benefits you might be eligible for, or would like help in filing a claim with the Department of Veteran Affairs, please contact us at (273) 3396 or stop by.

Veteran Services Officer Kevin Edwards can also be contacted directly at (530) 265-1446 or via email at kevin.edwards@co.nevada.ca.us

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Probation Employees Shave Their Heads for a Good Cause

Last Saturday Nevada County Probation Department employees shaved their heads to raise money for the St. Baldrick's Foundation. The Foundation helps support childhood cancer research. It started out as a challenge to the Probation staff to raise money to see Probation Managers Jeff Goldman and Steve Sinclair shave their heads. Ed Peevey from the Juvenile Hall and Sr. Legal Office Assistant Teri-Lynn Sommerhalder also joined the fundraising efforts. As a team, through generous donations, they were able to raise

over \$1500.

Board Chair Hank Weston also participated in Saturday's event, shaving his head with his daughter to raise money for the cause. Their team raised over \$1500 for the St. Baldrick's Foundation. Supervisor Weston commented that, "it was a great event for a great cause." He challenges other county departments and local government agencies to participate and compete to raise funds for next year's event.



St. Baldrick's has funded more than \$200 million in grants for childhood cancer research since 2005. It takes decades of work to reach new discoveries through research, but children's lives are being saved today because of research funded by St. Baldrick's. While some organizations spread their research dollars between adult and children's cancers, every grant funded by the St. Baldrick's Foundation is for childhood cancer research. Every dollar donated helps in this effort, and the Nevada County Probation Department felt humbled to be a part of the community effort to offer a little bit of help and hope for these kids.

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