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Jobs for Nevada's Graduates Receives \$725,000 Grant From the US Department of Labor
Funding will help J4NG will launch a Workforce Pathways for Youth Program

LAS VEGAS (June 15, 2021)— With efforts to provide more workforce development opportunities to Nevada's youth, [Jobs for Nevada's Graduates \(J4NG\)](#) was awarded a \$725,000 grant by the US Department of Labor to launch a Workforce Pathways for Youth Program to connect more students to employers across Nevada.

With the federal grant funding allocated over the next three years, the nonprofit organization will expand local workforce readiness programs and introduce more job training and workforce activities for the youth. The Workforce Pathways for Youth Program will focus on connecting Nevada's students with soft-skill development, career exploration, job readiness, certification, summer jobs, year-round job opportunities and apprenticeships.

"J4NG has worked tremendously hard to improve student success outcomes and it is evident through its 97% graduation rate and 92% full time placement rate," said Nevada Governor Steve Sisolak. "This grant will allow J4NG to reach even more students and will create a positive impact on Nevada's education, creating more skilled workers and local opportunities for recent high school graduates across Nevada."

"To be one of five JAG affiliates to receive this grant was unexpected, but we are very excited to be able to use this money to help the youth of Nevada and let us maximize the potential and goals we have for J4NG," said Dr. Rene Cantu, Executive Director of the Jobs for Nevada's Graduates (J4NG) program. "Jobs for Nevada Graduates exist in 14 of Nevada's 17 school districts, so with this we can help many more Nevada students succeed before and after graduation."

The U.S. Department of Labor announced the award of nearly \$20 million in grants to four national out-of-school time organizations. Five JAG Affiliates (Michigan, Nevada, Ohio, and two affiliates in California) will all receive \$725,000 total.

About Jobs for Nevada Graduates

Jobs for Nevada's Graduates (J4NG or formerly JAG Nevada), is a statewide nonprofit, part of the national organization, Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG). J4NG empowers positive futures for Nevada's youth by working with students to achieve graduation and find career pathways. J4NG helps Nevada students reach

their potential using in-depth mentoring, instruction, data-driven strategies and long-term support. 48 schools across Nevada offer JAG programs through J4NG, serving more than 3,300 students. J4NG students receive over 120+ hours of career readiness instruction, guidance and support through graduation and the first 12 months after graduation.