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Jean L. Barrett, PH.D  
 Nevada Governor’s Office of Economic Development  
 Rural Community Development/CDBG Program  
 808 W. Nye Lane  
 Carson City, Nevada 89703

RE: CDBG GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR 2020

Dear Ms. Barrett:

The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection, Office of Financial Assistance (OFA) has reviewed and made comments on the following CDBG project applications:

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>City of Ely</b>
Project Description	Phase 2 Murry Street Sewer and Water Improvements
CDBG Requested Amount:	\$332,363.00
Project Eligible for SRF funding:	Yes
SRF Status	Not ready to proceed

The City of Ely is eligible to receive funding from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) as they are listed on our priority list and meet the program requirements. However, the City is not considered a disadvantaged community per our regulations, and they do not meet our affordability criteria to qualify for principal forgiveness funding at this time. Therefore, OFA does not anticipate them proceeding with funding from the program.

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Esmeralda County</b>
Project Description	Emergency Generator Project
CDBG Requested Amount:	\$360,000.00
Project Eligible for SRF funding:	Partially-emergency generators for water or wastewater only
SRF Status	Not on the priority list for funding  Not eligible as written

Emergency generators for water or wastewater facilities are eligible for funding from the SRF programs. However, the programs could not fund emergency generators for other facilities. At this time, the project is not listed on our drinking water or clean water priority lists, making the project not eligible for funding.

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Lincoln County</b>
Project Description	Pioche Airport Road
CDBG Requested Amount:	\$752,000.00
Project Eligible for SRF funding:	Yes
SRF Status	Not on the priority list for funding  Eligibility for principal forgiveness not determined

Lincoln County did not request to be added to the priority lists for the CWSRF to cover costs associated with this project. However, the county and the project would have been eligible for funding through the CWSRF for loan funds to address storm water improvements at the Pioche Airport. OFA would have been able to assess their eligibility for principal forgiveness funding had further details with the system been included with their application. The CWSRF provides principal forgiveness funds for eligible stormwater projects. However, the amount of funds may not have been enough to cover the whole project.

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Lyon County</b>
Project Description	Walker River Economic Corridor Economic Development
CDBG Requested Amount:	\$200,000.00
Project Eligible for SRF funding:	No
SRF Status	Not eligible

The project appears to be a regional plan for economic development and growth. The SRF programs can fund preliminary engineering reports and environmental assessments for water, wastewater and stormwater projects once a need is identified. Once the proposed regional plan is developed, and has identified needs that address water, wastewater, and/or storm water issues within the region, then the SRF can help assist with the development of those plans.

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Nye County</b>
Project Description	Pahrump Fairgrounds
CDBG Requested Amount:	\$50,000.00 Environmental Assessment \$500,000.00 System Improvements
Project Eligible for SRF funding:	Partially-Stormwater Detention Basin
SRF Status	Not on the priority list for funding  Eligibility for principal forgiveness not determined

Nye County did not request to be added to the priority lists for the CWSRF to cover costs associated with this project. However, the county and the project would have been eligible for funding through the CWSRF for loan funds to address storm water improvements at the Pahrump Fairgrounds. OFA would have been able to assess their eligibility for principal forgiveness funding had further details with the system been included with their application. The CWSRF provides principal forgiveness funds for eligible stormwater projects. However, the amount of funds may not have been enough to cover the whole project.

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>White Pine County</b>
Project Description	McGill Slag Ditch Abatement
CDBG Requested Amount:	\$418,850.00
Project Eligible for SRF funding:	Yes-limited funding
SRF Status	Not on the priority list for funding

White Pine County did not request to be added to the priority lists for the CWSRF to cover costs associated with this project. However, the county and the project would have been eligible for funding through the CWSRF for loan funds to address a planning document for this project. Planning documents such as Preliminary Engineering Reports (PER) and Environmental Reviews (ER) are eligible for up to \$100,000 of principal forgiveness funding towards the report. A 15% match is required on each disbursement request.

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>White Pine County</b>
Project Description	McGill Sewer Pond Lining Project, Phase 1
CDBG Requested Amount:	\$1,750,000.00
Project Eligible for SRF funding:	Yes
SRF Status	Not ready to proceed

McGill-Ruth General Improvement District is on the priority list for wastewater treatment upgrades and is eligible for funding. In a recent conversation with the district about their need for funding of the wastewater facility, they indicated they had a greater need on the their drinking water system and did not want to pursue funding from us at this time.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this year’s project submittals. If there are any questions please call me at (775)687-9531.

Sincerely,

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