

# **Help Prevent a Nevada Eviction Crisis** Residential Rental Evictions Resume on June 1, 2021

Mass evictions are looming nationwide. Join the effort to mediate positive outcomes for Nevadans.

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#### How you can help

- We need trained/experienced mediators to keep tenants safely housed during COVID19.
- We also need trained/certified interpreters.
- Select courts may utilize mediators in support of onsite mediations.

#### Who is qualified to mediate

- Applicants must have completed 40 hours of mediation training + 10 hours experience
- Mediators of all experience levels are welcome.
- The program will also be able to use the help of experienced facilitators.

## What you will do

- Mediate agreements between tenants and landlords to divert evictions from the courts and keep people in their homes during the COVID19 pandemic.
- Training will be provided. Attorneys will earn CLE.
- o Interpreters will also be needed. Interpreters will earn training CEU.

## How mediation will help

- The goals are to keep Nevadans housed and get landlords paid by proactively sharing information on rental assistance, stalled unemployment claims, the opportunity to mediate, legal resources, etc.
- Dedicated rental assistance personnel and DETR adjudicators will be made available to provide emails indicating recipient name, approval/denial and estimated payment date to be attached to any agreement.
- There is funding earmarked for Nevada rental assistance.

## Where help is needed

- Help is needed statewide in Nevada.
- Most mediations will be conducted telephonically or virtually depending on the capacity of the participants so you can help from anywhere in the state.

#### The status of evictions in Nevada

- o Residential rental evictions can resume in Nevada on June 1, 2021.
- o It is projected that more than 100,000+ evictions may occur after moratorium ends
- In Nevada 45% are renters.
- Leaders throughout Nevada believe we can avoid the worst of this crisis, with your help.

- Nevada Senate bill SB1 was designed to proactively avoid the worst outcomes
  - o Passed out of the Senate 18-3 and out of the Assembly 38-4. The Governor has signed.
  - Official bill link.

#### • What's the process

- The final process for Phase 2 is TBD. However, it will follow a process similar to 2020. Prior to the moratorium ending, mediations will be voluntary with a focus on including rental assistance in mediated agreements to remove cases from court dockets. After the moratoria end, courts will send eviction cases to Home Means Nevada who will assign the cases to mediators.
- The mediator can then telephonically or virtually mediate an agreement and email the results to the court of record and Home Means Nevada. The mediator could involve an interpreter, if needed.

# • <u>Compensation</u>

- o Mediators will be paid a flat rate of \$200 per mediation.
- o Interpreters will be compensated at \$40 per hour with a two hour minimum.
- Mediators and interpreters will be paid through the Administrative Office of the Courts.
  Both will submit invoices electronically for payment through electronic funds transfer (EFT). Further details shared with those interested.

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