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Flamingo Pines Senior Apartments Receives LEED's Gold Certification

Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) awarded Nevada HAND's senior 55+ community an outstanding score for creating healthy, highly efficient, and cost-saving green buildings.

LAS VEGAS, NV – As Nevada's nonprofit leader in affordable housing, Nevada HAND not only strives to provide residents more than a place to live, but also ensures that residents' homes are safe and energy-efficient. The LEED Gold Certification recognizes that the Flamingo Pines Senior Apartments buildings are improving energy efficiency, lowering carbon emissions, and creating a healthier environment for seniors to live.

According to LEED's certification rating system, Flamingo Pines (located at 8710 West Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, NV 89147) earned points by adhering to prerequisites and credits that address carbon, energy, water, waste, transportation, materials, health, and indoor environmental qualities. LEED awards four certificates according to the score the project is rated: *Certified* (40-49 points), *Silver* (50-59 points), *Gold* (60-79 points), and *Platinum* (80+ points). The Green Business Certification Incorporation (GBCI) conducted the review process and awarded the Nevada HAND community a score of 61 with the most points awarded to optimal location, innovation of building design, reduction of indoor and outdoor water usage, and optimized reduction of energy and heat performance.

This is the second LEED certification Nevada HAND has received. Westcliff Pines Senior Apartments received a Platinum Certificate from LEED in 2014 for the senior 55+ community located near Summerlin Parkway.

"Receiving LEED's Gold Certification reaffirms our mission to provide our residents 'More Than a Home' and to enable them to live well," says Audra Hamernik, President & CEO. "Currently, Nevada HAND has over 700 units of affordable housing under construction. With that new construction, we hope to receive more LEED certifications in the future. We are proud to be providing a great deal of housing for those in need, but we also understand that there is a lot of work still to be done as we address our housing challenges."

Currently, the state of Nevada has a shortage of over 85,000 affordable homes for extremely low-income renters. With renters making up over 44% of the state, and the average rent in Southern Nevada being \$1,450 per month, Nevada HAND continues to develop and build affordable apartment homes where the average rent is \$733 per month – 50% lower than the average market rate rent.

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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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