

Media Advisory
**The Nevada Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence Receives Grant
To Help Victim Survivors Find Secure Homes**

WHO: Nevada Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence (NCEDSV) and NV Energy Foundation

WHAT: NCEDSV received a \$2,000 grant from NV Energy Foundation, to support an Economic Justice - Housing Project. This project creates a resource document/primer and an online training to support advocates in increasing their knowledge about housing resources and strategies that domestic violence survivors can use to obtain and maintain safe, long-term housing.

WHY: Lack of safe and affordable housing is often reported as one of the primary barriers survivors of domestic violence face when they choose to leave an abusive partner. There are many barriers that prevent survivors from obtaining or maintaining safe and affordable housing. The majority of survivor's experience financial abuse, meaning that they have not had access to the family finances, have been prohibited from working, or have had their credit scores destroyed by the abusive partner. This grant from NV Energy Foundation provides information and tools for advocates to help survivors obtain safe affordable housing.

Please note resource documents and pages are only open to program members only. Become a program member at ncedsv.org.

“We know survivors are unable to leave abusive relationships because of lack of housing options and last year domestic violence programs were unable to meet 938 requests for shelter,” said Sue Meuschke, Executive Director of NCEDSV. “This training will assist advocates in learning what resources they have to access secure, safe and long-term housing for these survivors.”

“Last year, 98 advocates enrolled in our on-line learning Program and over half of those advocates completed the training by the end of the year,” said Meuschke. “Through this grant we are able to expand our on-line learning topics to include housing.”