



# HISTORIC WESTSIDE

To identify partnership opportunities for the city of Las Vegas as it relates to workforce development in the Historic Westside.

## WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS

The following workforce projects are currently being supported by the city of Las Vegas in the Historic Westside:

PROJECT	DETAILS
<b>College of Southern Nevada (CSN) Westside Education and Training Center</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ \$6.9M U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration grant obtained in February 2021 will fund 10,000 square feet of the planned training center. An additional \$3M from the city of Las Vegas will allow for the expansion of the training center to 15,000 square feet.</li> <li>▪ The Center will feature entry level skill training in advanced manufacturing, information technology, health care, and construction trades. The Center will also offer Adult Basic Education courses, and the opportunity for students who did not complete their secondary education to obtain their Certificate of High School Equivalency and skill training simultaneously through the Ability-to-Benefit program.</li> <li>▪ The city of Las Vegas is providing the land and construction oversight; and CSN will provide the furniture, fixtures and equipment; and will be responsible for operating the Center.</li> <li>▪ The Architectural firm has been selected, and design is underway.</li> <li>▪ The goal is to provide these trainings free of charge to students, utilizing a variety of funding sources.</li> </ul>
<b>Registered Apprenticeship Program Opportunities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) has awarded the Governor's Office of Workforce Innovation (GOWIN) a \$3.9M grant to support development and expansion of Registered Apprenticeship programs in health care, information technology and manufacturing.</li> <li>▪ The goal is expanding access to Registered Apprenticeships for underrepresented populations, as well as those affected by the COVID pandemic.</li> <li>▪ The GOWIN office is preparing plans to debut the programs this summer/fall.</li> </ul>
<b>College of Southern Nevada (CSN) Dialysis Tech Training Center</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ CSN will launch a new short term training program on the grounds of the Historic Westside School for those interested in becoming Dialysis Patient Care Technicians.</li> <li>▪ The first classes launched in August 2022.</li> <li>▪ The goal is to provide these trainings free of charge to students, utilizing a variety of funding sources.</li> </ul>
<b>Forklift Training Program</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ CSN will offer a forklift training program on a site adjacent to the Historic Westside School.</li> <li>▪ This program will be integrated with the offerings of the Westside Education and Training Center once it is open.</li> <li>▪ Upon completion of the program CSN will issue an OSHA 10 certification and a Certificate of Completion for basic forklift training.</li> </ul>
<b>HEAL</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ City of Las Vegas awarded \$1.6M from Department of Health &amp; Human Services, Office of Minority Health; work commenced in July 2021.</li> <li>▪ City of Las Vegas will work with partners to build organizational health literacy in primary care and community settings.</li> <li>▪ Increase proportion of adults whose health providers included them in decisions.</li> <li>▪ Decrease proportion of adults who report poor communication with health care provider.</li> </ul>





**James Gay III Park  
Key Components**

- At a recent council meeting, the city council approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the city of Las Vegas and Vertical Harvest, Inc.
- The MOU will allow Vertical Harvest, Inc. the ability to conduct a feasibility analysis to develop a 70,000 square foot vertical farm with the potential for auxiliary affordable housing and parking on approximately 2 acres on the north end of James Gay Park in the Historic Westside.
- The vertical farm will create food and jobs that will directly benefit the Historic Westside community.
- In addition to the large-scale growing facilities being explored by the city and Vertical Harvest, Inc., smaller scale agricultural growing facilities in the form of urban farms and shipping containers will soon be operational in James Gay Park.
- MGM Resorts International (NYSE: MGM) recently provided a \$500,000 philanthropic contribution to the city of Las Vegas, via the Mayor’s Fund for Las Vegas LIFE and its fiscal agent, Nevada Community Foundation, Inc. to acquire two ready-built, plug-and-play container growing facilities.
- The containers provide diversified crop production capability – their systems can grow lettuce, leafy greens, herbs, vining berries and vegetables, rooted vegetables and flowers, allowing for the growth of produce that is needed and desired by Historic Westside residents.
- Establishing sustainable development programs that drive social, environmental, and economic impact in the Historic Westside.
- Creating meaningful employment for under-employed and unemployed at livable wages.
- Gaining government support at all levels to secure grants, public financing, and incentives to further attract and catalyze growth.
- Creating opportunities for local and minority-owned firms and subcontractors to take part in development projects.

**Culinary Training Academy**

- More than \$3M in federal, State, and City funding will support youth and young adults and will address the needs of system impacted youth and provide the platform to gain hands-on employment skills, acquire sustainable livable housing, and attain food stability.
- Intensive 60-day program that provides basic culinary, hospitality, and pre-vocational training.
- Students who participate in our curated pre-vocational program receive training in diversity and inclusion, harassment prevention, personal and professional development, hygiene management, public speaking, and confidence-building
- Assist young adults with that transition into adulthood.
- The Culinary Training Academy will be the vehicle to reduce criminal justice system involvement.

**AREAS OF ADDITIONAL SUPPORT NEEDED**

The following are areas of additional support that have been identified as a priority for the Historic Westside in order to support workforce development needs and to augment programs under way:

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<p><b>Strong Future Youth Employment Program</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Creating programs and opportunities for young adults ages 16-24 to be employed throughout the Las Vegas Valley, inclusive of mentoring and unique job training opportunities.</li> <li>▪ A bridge between young people seeking employment and the business community seeking employees.</li> <li>▪ A robust workforce development pipeline for young adults.</li> <li>▪ Access to meaningful employment with sustainable wages.</li> </ul>

For all the programs under way, and proposed, the city of Las Vegas has committed to establishing accountability measures and—in many cases—is working closely with researchers to understand both qualitative and quantitative impacts.

