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Communication Access Services program



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Agenda

ADSD Planning Team

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(NOFO)

Communication Access Service
Centers (CASC)

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Community Outreach and
Feedback



ADSD Planning Team



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Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)

What is a NOFO?

A notice to the community that the State has money for a product or service. Businesses or organizations can apply to provide those products or services to people in the State

Where does money come from?

The State uses the money collected from the TDD surcharge.



TDD Surcharge

Current Rate = 6 cents per phone line



The TDD Surcharge Funds:

- Relay Services
- State Interpreters/Mentors
- Deaf Commission Executive Director
- Communication Access Service Centers

NOFO Timeline

December 2020

- Town Hall Meeting
- Finalize the NOFO

January 2021

- NOFO Published
- Informational Meetings

February 2021

- Applications Due
- Evaluation Begins

March – April 2021

- ADSD Reviews Applications
- External Reviewers for scoring

May – June 2021

- ADSD Selects Awardee
- Negotiate Terms with Awardee

July 2021

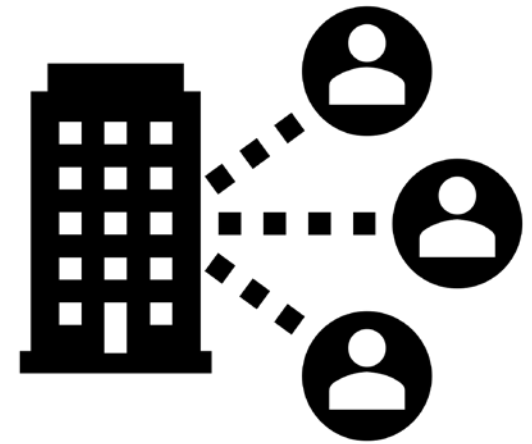
- New Awardee Begins

Communication Access Service Centers (CASC)

The businesses or organizations that provide services to the deaf, hard of hearing, and speech impaired communities of Nevada. The services are for communication needs and are defined in Nevada law ([NRS 427A.797](#)).

What services do CASC provide?

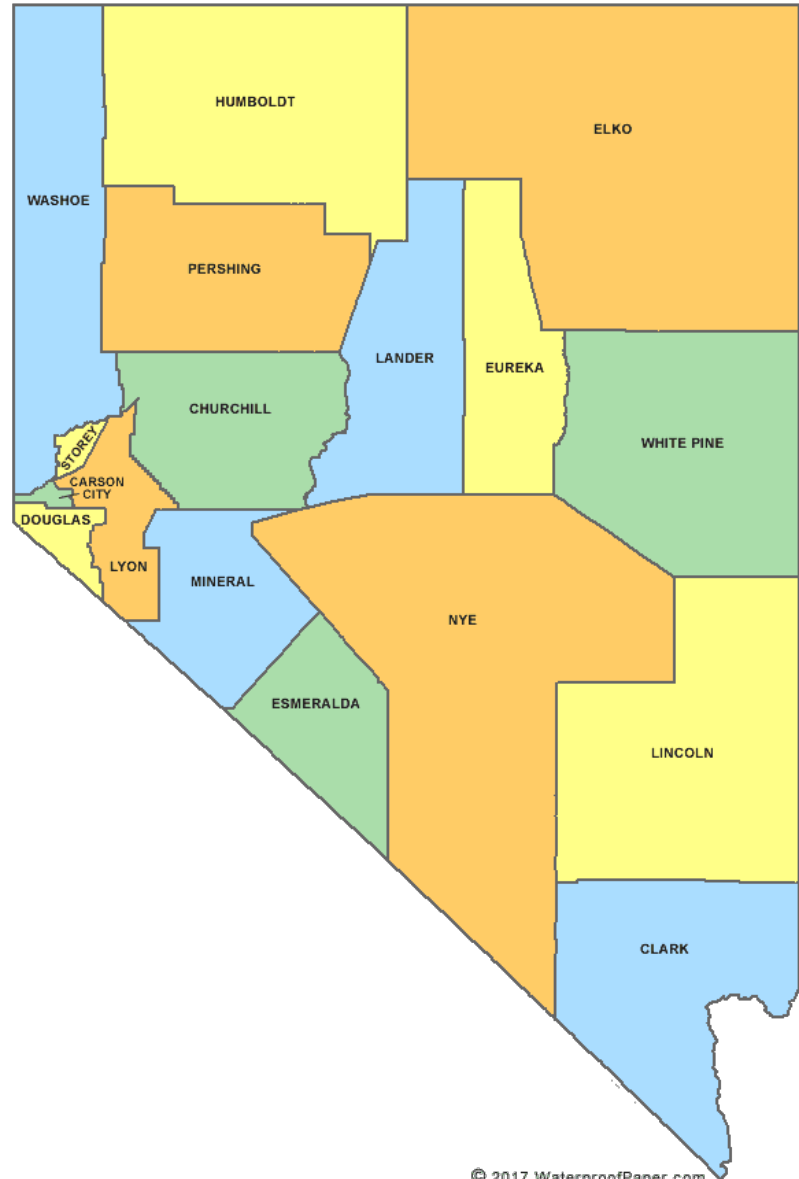
- Access to Services (education, employment, health and social services)
- Language Acquisition
- Telecommunication Equipment & Assistive Technology Distribution
- Hearing Aid Program



Priorities for New Funding Cycle

Service Regions

- **North** – Washoe, Carson, Douglas, Storey, and Lyon
- **South** – Clark, Lincoln, Nye, and Esmeralda counties
- **Rural** – All others



Priorities for New Funding Cycle



Multiple
Subawards
(Businesses)



Partnerships
with other
organizations



Statewide
access

Network Structure

Priorities for New Funding Cycle

Access to Services

- Navigation Assistance
- Case Management

Telecommunications Equipment & Assistive Technology

- Distribution
- Training

Language Acquisition

- Mentoring and Instruction to children and families



Your Turn

What is the biggest need in your community?

What services do you want to see?

What services do you feel are missing?

Do you feel priority of services order should be changed?

Community Feedback is Critical!

You can provide feedback via:



Sign Mail



Email



Online Form



Questions?





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Acronyms

- ADSD – Aging and Disability Services Division
- DHHS – Department of Health and Human Services
- CAS – Communication Access Services
- NRS – Nevada Revised Statutes
- CASC – Communication Access Service Centers
- NOFO – Notice of Funding Opportunity
- TDD - Telecommunication Devices for the Deaf
- PUC – Public Utilities Commission



Summary of NRS 427A.797

NRS 427A.797, subsection 2, is the part of the law that requires creating Communication Access Services Programs to provide services for people who are deaf, hard of hearing, or speech impaired which must include:

(a) Helping people who are deaf, hard of hearing, or speech impaired get equipment for telephone communication and other assistive technology.

(b) Helping people who are deaf, hard of hearing, or speech impaired to get assistive technology, including hearing aids, electrolarynxes, equipment for telephone communication, and other similar equipment;

(c) Working with agencies and organizations to increase using telephone communication equipment and other assistive technology for people who are deaf, hard of hearing, or speech impaired;

(d) Providing programs that develop language skills in both spoken and sign language; and

(e) Providing programs to increase access to education, employment, and health and social services.

To see the actual NRS 427A.797, please visit:

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/nrs/nrs-427a.html>