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Nevada Housing Conference

2024

FINAL REPORT

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On behalf of the Nevada Housing Coalition, I would like to thank you for *Digging Into* our 2024 Nevada Housing Conference in the City of Sparks. Your participation and engagement made this event a success, and we hope it has sparked meaningful discussions, fostered new connections, and reinforced our collective role in driving progress in Nevada’s affordable housing sector. We look forward to continuing to work with our members and partners to build upon the ideas and solutions shared this year. Thank you again for your continued support, engagement, and shared commitment to affordable housing in Nevada.

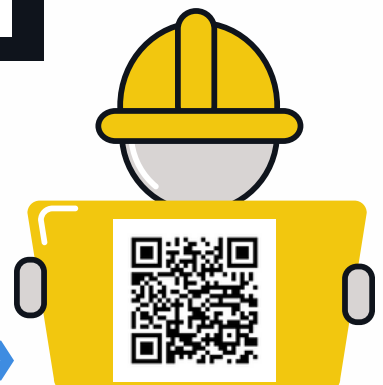
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**SAVE THE DATE:**  
**2025 Nevada Housing Conference**  
October 15-16, 2025  
[Circa Resort & Casino | Las Vegas, NV](#)



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## THE BUILDING MATERIALS



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Click here to read the full Conference Program.

Click here to read the full bios of our Speakers.

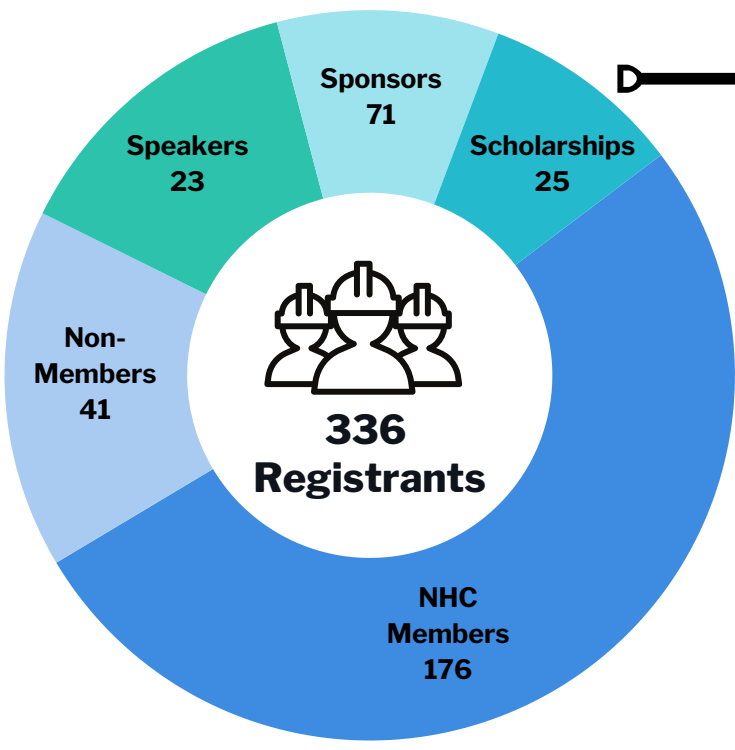


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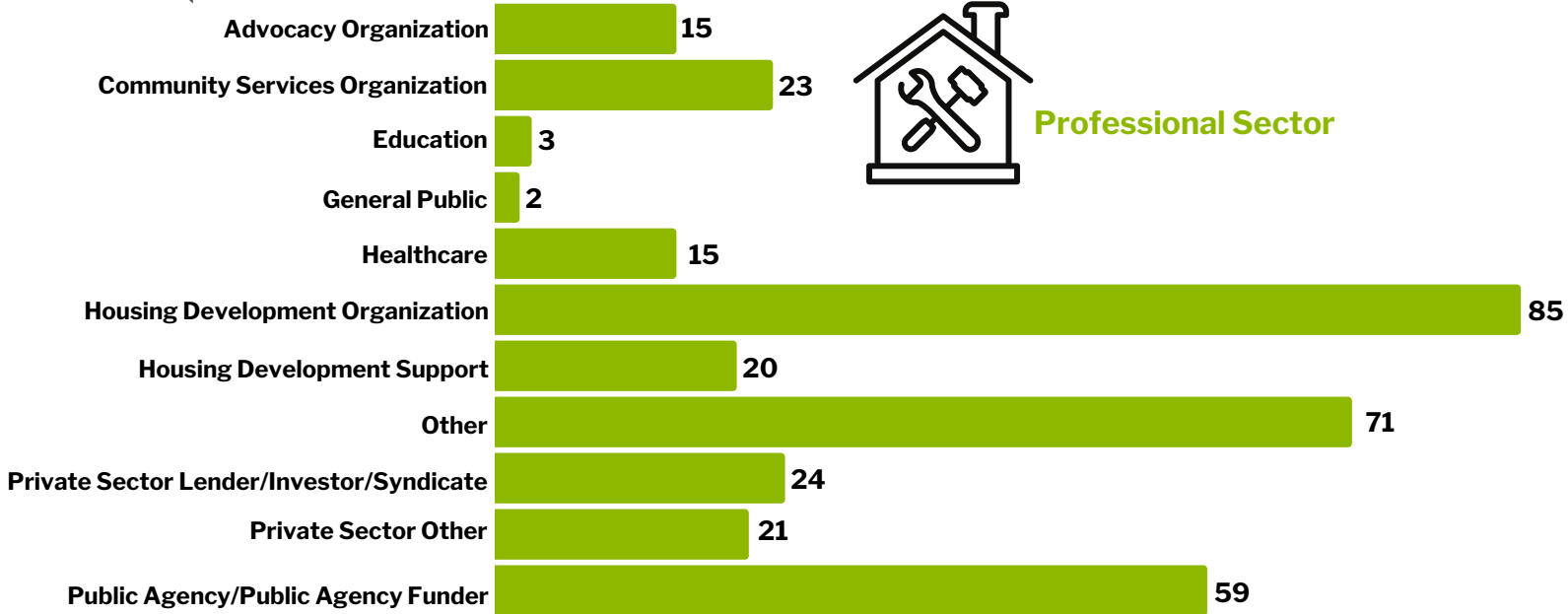
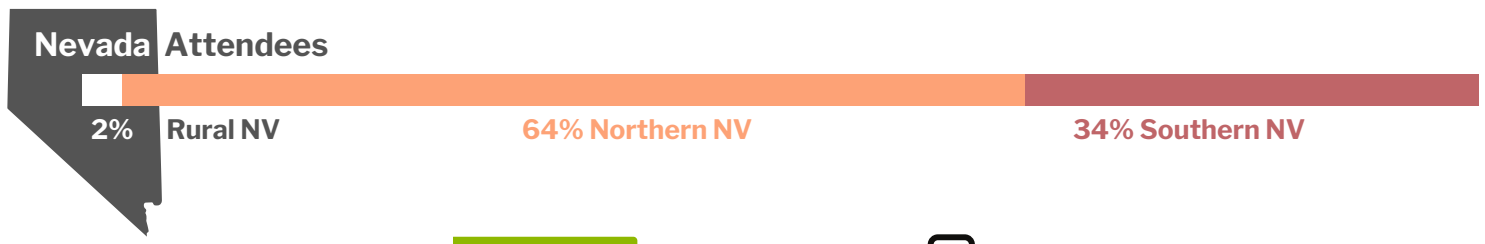


Thank you to our generous Sponsors, we were able to provide 25 scholarships this year!



Attendees from Nevada and 18 other states traveled to Sparks for this two-day event.

- Arizona
- California
- Colorado
- Florida
- Idaho
- Illinois
- Indiana
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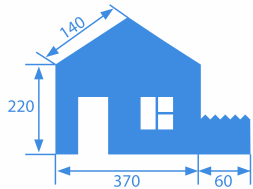
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### Overall Conference

Program: 4.5/5



Venue: 4/5



### Conference Networking:



93% thought the conference provided meaningful engagement with panelists and other conference attendees.

### Suggestions for Next Year:



- Speaker Meet & Greets
- Facilitated Networking
- More Networking Events!
- More Case Studies!
- More Interactive Workshops!
- More Policy!

### Call for Proposals:



This year we did a **Call for Proposals** and received over 30 submissions! Keep an eye out for the chance to submit for 2025's conference or contact [amanda.lakin@nvhousingcoalition.org](mailto:amanda.lakin@nvhousingcoalition.org) for more details.



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## THE BLUEPRINTS



### Day 1 - Wednesday, October 16, 2024

#### **Digging In: Leveraging Research and Data to Inform Solutions**

- Moderator: Alexis Hill, Washoe County Commissioner
- Claudia Aiken, Director of New Research Partnerships, NYU Furman Center & Housing Solutions Lab
- Meredith Levine, Director of Economic & Fiscal Policy, Guinn Center
- Miles Dickson, CEO & Founder, Nevada GrantLab

#### **Direct Rental Assistance**

- Moderator: Kim Anhalt, MTW Initiatives & Housing Policy Manager, Housing Authority of the City of Reno
- Claudia Aiken, Director of New Research Partnerships, NYU Furman Center & Housing Solutions Lab
- Chris Golden, MTW Office, HUD
- Dr. Hilary Lopez, Executive Director, Housing Authority of the City of Reno

#### **Finding Goldilocks: What about the missing middle?**

- Beth Dunning, Director of Community Development, Nevada Rural Housing
- Katie Coleman, Director of Communications, Nevada Rural Housing

#### **Tax-Exempt Bonds for LIHTC: Structuring & Finance**

- Moderator: Maureen Reichert, Partner, RubinBrown LLP
- Roy Faerber, Senior Vice President - Equity Production, Boston Financial
- Wade Kraenzle, Manager - Real Estate Services Group, RubinBrown LLP
- Ben Taylor, Vice President & Project Partner, Lincoln Avenue Communities
- Jeff Streiffer, Partner, Goldfarb & Lipman LLP

#### **Navigating Federal Clean Energy Finance**

- Moderator: Greg Zegas, Managing Director of Investments, Nevada Clean Energy Fund
- Les Lazareck, Building Performance Specialist, Home Energy Connection LLC
- Eric Novak, President, Praxis Consulting Group, LLC
- Rick Van Diepen, Principal, GRN Vision Sustainability Consultants

#### **Safeguarding Existing Stock: Preservation Tactics**

- Moderator: Ariel Estrada-Parra, Senior Project Manager, Praxis Consulting Group, LLC
- David Brint, Co-Founder & Principal, Brinshore Development
- Beth Dunning, Director of Community Development, Nevada Rural Housing
- Alok Lathi, Vice President, Richman Affordable Housing Corporation



## THE BLUEPRINTS



### Day 2 - Thursday, October 17, 2024

#### **Innovation, Sustainability & Non-Traditional Affordable Housing**

- Moderator: Michael Baumbach, Home Consultant, Clayton Homes
- William Hoff, Founder & President, Geopolymer International
- Aaron Neubert, Founder & Principal Architect, Aaron Neubert Architects, Inc.
- Rick Van Diepen, Principal, GRN Vision Sustainability Consultants

#### **Build-To-Rent (BTR) & LIHTC**

- Moderator: Ben Taylor, Vice President & Project Partner, Lincoln Avenue Communities
- Joe Cable, Principal & Branch Manager, Bowman Engineering
- Mike Hemmens, Managing Director, Citi Community Capital
- Darrick Metz, Senior Vice President - Originations, WNC
- Doug Van Lerberghe, Principal & Director of Strategic Ventures, KEPHART

#### **Planning for Transit-Oriented Development**

- Moderator: Deb Reardon, Regional Planning Manager, Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada
- Michael Howe, Planning Project Manager, City of Las Vegas - Department of Community Development
- Anthony Jukes, Senior Planner, City of Henderson
- Sienna Reid, Planning Manager, City of Sparks

#### **Partnerships for Advancing Rural Housing Development**

- Eileen Piekarz, Development & Technical Assistance Specialist, Rural Community Assistance Corporation
- Richard Braithwaite, City Manager, City of Carlin

#### **Underwriting the Deal**

- Moderator: Nicholas Berger, Chief Lending Officer, Rocky Mountain Community Reinvestment Corporation
- Todd Fabian, Vice President & Regional Manager, National Equity Fund, Inc.
- Amy Mandell, Relationships Manager, Wells Fargo
- Natasha Pfeiffer, Loan Officer, Rocky Mountain Community Reinvestment Corporation





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Our Members are the foundation upon which our Coalition stands. We would like to recognize our top supporters and say **thank you** to our 300+ members representing 200 organizations across the housing spectrum. With their support and collaboration, we are working together to build a Nevada where all residents have access to an affordable place to call home.

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To promote the development and preservation of affordable housing for all Nevadans through collaboration, education, and advocacy.

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