



Nevada Governor Brian Sandoval

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GOVERNOR SANDOVAL STATEMENT ON NORTHERN NEVADA VETERANS HOME

CARSON CITY, NV – Governor Brian Sandoval issued the following statement today clarifying the timeline of the Northern Nevada Veterans Home.

“This legislative session, I signed into law Assembly Bill 491 which appropriated more than \$14 million for the construction of the Northern Nevada Veterans Home. Following this initial funding, my administration immediately notified the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Grant Office that Nevada had met the state match requirement and therefore became competitive for a \$33.5 million matching federal grant. This important project is moving forward on schedule and its completion will remain a top priority.

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs is currently working on the 2016 Construction Grant Priority List and Congress will soon make decisions regarding funding for new projects. The \$14 million state-match allows the Nevada Department of Veterans Services to confidently tell their federal partners that we are ready to begin work as they decide their funding priorities. Due to the funding appropriated this session, the state has been able to take significant steps forward – we have identified the land, architectural drawings are in the final stages, and detailed construction plans have been created.

If Congress appropriates sufficient funding this budget cycle, we will begin construction in early 2016. If sufficient funding is not available, we will hold a much higher place on the priority list next year and be in a better position to compete for funding in 2017. My administration has and will continue to work with our federal delegation to ensure that Nevada Veterans remain a national priority. I have sent a letter to the members of our congressional delegation and the chairmen of the Senate Finance and House Ways and Means committees requesting their continued attention to this securing this critical funding for Nevada’s veteran community.

The construction of the Northern Nevada Veterans Home is a key component to my administration’s goal of making Nevada the most military- and veteran-friendly state in the nation. This facility is part of our sweeping and comprehensive effort to create new resources and expand existing resources for those who have answered the call to serve and defend our nation.”

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