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NEVADA RECEIVES \$439,000 FEDERAL GRANT TO INCREASE THE AVAILABILITY OF TELEHEALTH THROUGHOUT RURAL NEVADA *Investment will help over 45,000 Rural Nevadans*

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Renown Health in partnership with the Nevada Governor's Office of Science, Innovation, and Technology (OSIT) received a USDA Distance, Learning, and Training (DLT) grant award of \$439,312 to deliver telehealth and healthcare education expansion opportunities to medically underserved areas in rural Nevada.

"The opportunity to connect these rural areas with Telehealth capabilities is a game changer for our underserved communities," **said OSIT Broadband Development Manager Jojo Myers Campos.** "The majority of our state is rural and Telemedicine makes it easier and more convenient for patients to stay healthy and engaged in their health care. Telehealth provides convenience, flexibility, and real-time care with physicians."

The grant will enable the delivery of high-definition telehealth capabilities to communities where such options for care are currently unavailable. Grant funding will support the delivery of primary care, specialty care, acute services, behavioral healthcare, and substance misuse care and treatment, inclusive of opioid care. In addition to increasing access to health and wellness programs, telehealth will connect paramedics in rural Nevada to acute care facilities to provide emergency care.

"Increasing access to health care will improve quality of life and economic development opportunities, which are critical for rural growth and prosperity. OSIT is looking forward to working with Renown and our partners in municipal, county, and tribal governments to grow Nevada's telehealth capabilities." **said Myers Campos.**

The partnership between Renown and OSIT will benefit up to 45,539 residents living in White Pine, Pershing, Nye, Douglas, Washoe, Lyon, Lander, and Churchill counties.

About OSIT

OSIT's mission is to coordinate the planning, mapping, and procurement of broadband to ensure connectivity across Nevada for schools, libraries, hospitals, clinics and communities meets national standards.