



# City Manager's Office

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## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** December 21, 2023

**TO:** Mayor and City Council

**THROUGH:** Doug Thornley, City Manager Approved Electronically

**FROM:** Cynthia Esparza, Chief Equity & Community Relations Officer  
Jackie Bryant, Assistant City Manager

**SUBJECT:** Nevada Cares Campus Update

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The region's shelter facilities are seeing an increase in shelter usage and reaching capacity. To accommodate the community, the Reno Fire Department and the Development Services Department have approved the usage of additional beds at the Nevada Cares Campus.

The additional beds, in the form of cots, will be located in various locations on campus. The number of available cots will not be added to the [shelter census dashboard](#), but Reno staff will be updated on availability at regular intervals. The campus is prepared to accommodate the community upon their arrival and direct users to indoor waiting areas, if necessary.

The Nevada Cares Campus has three locations available for the community to use as follows:

- Shelter: 549 beds
- Winter Overflow Shelter: 84 beds
- Warming Center: Accommodates 120 people, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Currently, cots are not available in this space.

As a point of comparison, there are 27 less beds this year than last year, mainly because of campus transitions and ongoing construction. Of the 27 beds that were previously available, 6 individual pods have been added to the Safe Camp. This leaves a 21 bed reduction from last year. The additional cots that are immediately available total 39 and will be available on an as needed basis. Thus, there will ultimately be an additional 18 beds this winter compared to last winter.

Outreach teams will continue encouraging unsheltered individuals to use the shelter and provide transportation, as requested. Staff will continue communicating with Washoe County to discuss unsheltered community needs.

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