



National Center
7272 Greenville Avenue
Dallas, TX 75231

January 27th, 2026

Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District
3663 Barron Way
Reno, NV 89511

Re: Special Initiative Participation Incentive Agreement
Community-Level Systems of Care in Rural Nevada Initiative

Dear Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District :

The American Heart Association, Inc. ("AHA") hereby awards special initiative funds to Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District ("Program Participant"), subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. The special initiative period is for the period from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2027. Within 30 days of submission to the AHA of this signed Special Initiative Incentive Agreement ("Agreement"), the AHA agrees to pay the amounts set out in Attachment A ("Incentive"), not to exceed \$6,000, for the Program Participant's participation in the Community-Level Systems of Care in Rural Nevada initiative ("Initiative"), in accordance with terms and conditions in this Agreement; the payment schedule; and the initiative activities outlined in Attachment A. AHA is providing the Incentive to the Program Participant in an effort to encourage its participation in the Initiative by assisting in the implementation of the Initiative activities, to improve site performance and quality of care, and to support AHA's mission to be a relentless force for a world of longer, healthier lives. The parties agree that the payment of the Incentive will not indicate or result in a special or preferential status for the Program Participant regarding its potential participation in any other AHA offered or sponsored programs.
2. The Program Participant represents that it is legally incorporated in or has its principal operations in the state where it is located, is in good standing with the State of Nevada at the time of this Agreement and agrees it will maintain this status throughout the term of this Agreement. Program Participant confirms further it is not a Type III supporting organization within the meaning of IRC Section 4943(f)(5)(A).
3. Program Participant will use the Incentive only for activities that are outlined in Attachment A. Program Participant will not use the Incentive for political support or to carry on lobbying efforts of propaganda, or to otherwise attempt to influence any legislation, within the meaning of IRC Section 4945 and the Treasury Regulations thereunder. Further, Program Participant will not use the Incentive to engage in, support or promote violence, terrorist activity or related training of any kind.

4. The Program Participant will inform the AHA immediately of (i) any change in or challenge to its corporate status including but not limited to adverse change in its standing with the State of Nevada, or if it becomes a Type III supporting organization, (ii) any change in its organizational leadership or key personnel or (iii) any material change or adverse development relative to its financial condition, operations, activities or affairs. No payment hereunder will be required to be made at any time after Program Participant ceases to be a legal corporate entity, has an adverse change in its standing with the State of Nevada or if it becomes a Type III Supporting Organization.
5. The Program Participant accepts responsibility for complying with this Agreement's terms and conditions. The Incentive is earmarked for Program Participant and may not be transferred to any other entity or person not listed in Attachment A. Program Participant will maintain a separate accounting of the use of the Incentive to enable confirmation of its proper expenditure of the Incentive.
6. Program Participant acknowledges and agrees that any equipment provided or funded hereunder by AHA will, upon delivery, be owned by Program Participant, and Program Participant solely will be responsible for the upkeep, maintenance, repairs, safety, insurance and operability of such equipment. Program Participant also acknowledges and agrees that the AHA does not endorse, impliedly or expressly, any brand or manufacturer of any equipment that may be provided hereunder.
7. The Program Participant agrees to promptly respond to interim inquiries and requests for information from the AHA regarding compliance with the terms of this Agreement and progress made towards achieving the goals and activities of the Initiative.
8. Program Participant acknowledges that the AHA and its representatives have made no actual or implied promise of funding or renewal of funding in addition to the amounts provided under this Agreement.
9. It is understood that by signing this Agreement, Program Participant agrees that it will conduct all activities to be funded by the Incentive in compliance with all applicable United States, state and local laws, as well as in compliance with the laws of any location or jurisdiction in which Program Participant is operating, including applicable anti-terrorist financing and asset-control laws, statutes and executive orders, and ; b) privacy and confidentiality of patient health information including, without limitation, the Federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 ("HIPAA") and the Standards of Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information 45 C.F.R. parts 160 and 164 ("the "HIPAA Privacy Regulations").
10. Program Participant agrees to ensure that all potential recipients and participants of Program Participant's programs and services have access to programs and receive equitable services without regard to race, sex, education, ethnicity, socio-economic status, religion, ability/disability, sexual orientation, gender self-identification, age, country of origin, first language, marital status, citizenship or immigration status.
11. If Program Participant wishes to publicize its participation in the Initiative, Program Participant will contact the AHA at least two (2) weeks before the desired date of the publicity

for review and approval. Program Participant will not issue any press releases or otherwise make any public statement referring to the Initiative or using the AHA's name or logo without the prior written consent of the AHA. The text of all press releases, public announcements, statements, campaign reports or materials that mention the Initiative must be approved in advance in writing by the AHA. Program Participant will provide the AHA with copies of any and all final press releases, public announcements and/or publications related to the Initiative. The AHA may make information about the Initiative public at any time by any means, including but not limited to on its website or in presentations or as part of its public reports or documents.

- 12. Program Participant hereby agrees, to the fullest extent permitted by law, to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the AHA, the project funders (including the Leona M. Harry B. Helmsley Charitable Trust), their officers, employees and agents from and against all claims, liabilities, losses and expenses (including reasonable attorney's fees), directly or indirectly, wholly or partially arising from or in connection with any act or omission of Program Participant, its directors, employees or agents in obtaining or accepting the Incentive from the AHA, in expending or applying the proceeds of the Incentive from the AHA, or in carrying out the programs funded by the Incentive from the AHA.
- 13. If the AHA terminates this Agreement for cause, or if Program Participant ceases to be a legal corporate entity or ceases to be in good standing in the State of Nevada or becomes a Type III Supporting Organization then Program Participant will immediately repay the amount of the Incentive provided to Program Participant for Program Participant's participation in the Initiative as of the date of the termination. In addition to the circumstances cited above, the AHA shall have cause to terminate the payments if Program Participant becomes unable to carry out the purposes of the Initiative, or Program Participant is in breach of any term of this Agreement.
- 14. The Program Participant hereby understands and agrees to fully participate in the Initiative by participating in the activities set out in Attachment A.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement, as of the date set forth below their respective signatures.

American Heart Association, Inc.

Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District

Signature: _____

Signature: Richard J. Edwards

Print Name: Beth Malina

Print Name: Richard J. Edwards

Title: National Director

Title: Fire Chief

Date: _____

Date: 02/04/2026



ATTACHMENT A
Community-Level Systems of Care in Rural Nevada Initiative

Program Participant will be issued the Incentive according to the Payment Schedule below, after the receipt of this signed Agreement, and specifically to facilitate implementation of Program Participant’s activities listed below.

Note: AHA shall not release the Incentive if the Program Participant has Get With The Guidelines (GWTG) invoices 60 days, or greater, outstanding.

Activities of Program Participant

Program Participant agrees to complete the following Initiative activities:

1. Designate a primary point of contact and representative(s) to actively participate in the Initiative. These individuals may be invited to join task forces and/or subcommittees.
2. Promote educational opportunities including workshops, conferences, and training sessions offered through the Initiative within their region.
3. Participate in hospital collaboration meetings; attend a minimum of four (4) meetings annually with local hospitals to review cases involving stroke and heart attack patients transported by EMS;
4. Participation includes, but is not limited to, sharing data on response times, treatment protocols, and patient outcomes; celebrating successes and sharing internal outcomes. Participant will be required to notify AHA of meeting dates and attendance to facilitate payment of associated funds.
5. Participate in an EMS Focus Group and or survey at the beginning and end of the Initiative to evaluate collaborative effectiveness.
6. Support continuing education: in coordination with local hospitals, conduct continuing education sessions, live or virtual session, focused on stroke and heart attack systems of care and submit attendance rosters to AHA for payment processing.

Activities of AHA

AHA responsibilities:

1. Facilitate hospital connections: provide support in establishing and maintaining connections between EMS agencies and local hospitals.
2. Host quarterly meetings: organize quarterly meetings to support initiative progress and collaboration.
3. Provide educational resources: secure education experts as needed to support training and continuing education efforts.
4. Organize regional events: host regional educational events to support the development of stroke and heart attack systems of care.

Payment Schedule

Payment Description Milestones	Payment
Year 1: July 1, 2025- June 30, 2026 Meetings with hospitals \$500 each (up to 4)	Add up to \$2,000
Year 1: 2025-2026 Stroke and Heart Attack Education \$500 each (up to 2)	Add up to \$1,000
Year 2: 2026-2027 Meetings with hospitals \$500 each (up to 4)	Add up to \$2,000
Year 2: 2026-2027 Stroke and Heart Attack Education \$500 each	\$1,000
TOTAL (not to exceed this amount)	\$6,000