

# North Las Vegas Redevelopment Agency Approves Program For Facade Rehabilitation Of Downtown Commercial Buildings

The North Las Vegas Redevelopment Agency has approved a facade rehabilitation program for certain commercial structures in the downtown area of North Las Vegas. Under the program, the Redevelopment Agency will pay half of the rehabilitation costs, up to a

## VA WANTS TO HEAR WHAT MINORITY VETERANS HAVE TO SAY

Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Jesse Brown, recently showed his commitment to minority veterans by appointing 15 members to the advisory committee on minority veterans whose function is to assess the needs of minority veterans in such areas as compensation, health care, rehabilitation, outreach and more.

In support of this initiative, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Medical Center, Las Vegas, announced it is looking for African American, Asian American, Native American, Hispanic American, and Pacific Island American veterans to participate in a town hall meeting on May 19, 1995, from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

The meeting will take place at the State Industrial Insurance System (SIIS) Auditorium located at 1700 W. Charleston Boulevard. Veterans who are either users or non-users of the services provided by the Las Vegas VA Medical Center are encouraged to participate.

"We want to hear what these veterans have to say — both good and bad," said Ramon J. Reevey, Director, Director of the Las Vegas VA Medical Center. "Minority veterans make up an important part of the veterans community in Las Vegas.

If their unique needs are not being met, we're not doing our jobs. We're here to serve all veterans."

Added Reevey, "This is an opportune way for those of us in VA to reach out to minority veterans and, at the same time, let them know what kinds of services are available to them."

Representatives of VA Central Office in Washington, D.C., the Las Vegas VA Medical Center, the Veterans Benefits Administration Office on West Charleston, and the Las Vegas Veterans Outreach Center will be in attendance to provide information and answer questions.

For further information on participating in this town hall meeting, call J.A. "Tony" Denogean at 386-3114.

certain amount, and the merchant or property owner may borrow the other half of the costs at a low interest rate under a special "Store Front Loan Program" offered by the North Las Vegas branch of U.S. Bank.

In action on May 3, 1995, the North Las Vegas Redevelopment Agency approved the final eligibility criteria and policies to govern the program. Pending approval of a proposed 1995/96 redevelopment budget that sets aside \$50,000 for the rehabilitation effort, the program will kick off next fiscal year, or on July 1, 1995. U.S. Bank will loan an equal amount to eligible

borrowers at an interest rate that is one-and-a-half percent higher than the bank's prime lending rate. Eligible structures include those on Lake Mead Boulevard, east of Civic Center Drive.

Under the program, the redevelopment agency will make a dollar-for-dollar matching grant to eligible property owners and merchants who wish to improve the exterior appearance of their retail buildings and offices. The maximum grant from the Redevelopment Agency will be \$2,500, for a total of \$5,000 in facade improvements to each eligible storefront after the owner pitches in his or her matching

share. Eligible improvements include painting, plastering, stucco work, installation of awnings or canopies, new windows and doors, new signs, landscaping, and installation of decorative block fences if the new fence will replace an existing chain link or wood fence.

The decision to limit the program to those structures on Lake Mead Boulevard that lie east of Civic Center Drive was partially made due to earlier commitments of merchants in this area.

As part of the city's redevelopment efforts, city officials have been meeting with

six area lenders on a semi-annual basis to explore ways to increase lending to the city's business community and residents in the city's mature

neighborhoods. U.S. Bank's "Store Front Loan Program" was implemented as a result of the dialog established at these meetings.

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