

## Carson City school board sponsors American Citizen Essay Contest

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The Carson City School District's Board of Trustees is pleased to sponsor the 19th Annual American Citizen Essay Contest. Completed essays are due to the Carson City School District at 1402 W. King St., no later than 5 p.m. Nov. 3.

Any public, charter, private or home-schooled student in Carson City may participate in the contest. The essay should be no longer than five pages and may be as short as the student desires. The essay may be handwritten or typed.

Essays will be judged within each grade level as they follow adherence to the topic, their quality of writing and their originality of thought. The topic for this year is the following:

"As we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment to the United States' Constitution, discuss the importance of a citizen's right to vote to Americans and aspiring Americans."

Winners will be publicly announced at the Nov. 24 school board meeting. There will be winners for each level including elementary school, middle school and high school. Each winner will receive the following cash prizes.

First Place: \$80

Second Place: \$30

Third Place: \$15

The first page of the essay must include the student's name (first and last), his or her age, grade, telephone number, teacher's name and school.

## DeBug Computer hosting annual Shredding Day

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DeBug Computer is hosting its annual Community Shredding Day event on Saturday, Sept. 19, from 10 a.m.-noon in Carson City and 1-3 p.m. in Minden.

The event is free of charge and is designed to help protect against identity theft by shredding sensitive documents or obsolete computers and technology.

DeBug Computer provides information technology (IT) support and consulting services for home users as well as numerous industries in northern Nevada,

including medical, dental, real estate, manufacturing, and more. For over 20 years, DeBug has helped customers to protect themselves against online identity theft.

"Disposing electronic devices at landfills are often big targets of identity theft," said Keith Barham, DeBug co-owner. "Sometimes disposal facilities don't entirely demolish the hard drives on those devices. E-waste shredding guarantees sensitive information stored in those devices are destroyed completely."

E-waste shredding also

provides an economic benefit as fewer items are sent to the landfills. People are encouraged to bring old documents that have a signature, account number, social security number, medical or legal information. DeBug Computer cannot accept CRT monitors or old televisions at the event.

DeBug's Carson City site is located at 1817 N. Stewart St. #30 and the Minden site is located at 1560 U.S. Highway 395 North #C. For more information about the event, visit [debugcomputer.net](http://debugcomputer.net).

## Nevada has received nearly \$19 billion in coronavirus funding

### State itself only got \$836 million

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The governor's finance office told lawmakers Friday that Nevada has received \$19 billion in coronavirus aid.

But the state itself got just \$836 million of that total. The vast majority of the money went directly to a total of more than 90 programs including \$6.8 billion in paycheck protection funding that went directly to businesses and individuals.

More money went straight to local governments, education, child-care, public safety, food assistance, welfare and other uses.

Finance Director Susan Brown said the treasury still has \$614 million. She said \$222 million has been spent.

Asked whether the state will be able to get all the money out the door by Dec. 30 — the deadline to either spend or lose it — she said they should be able to do so but if they can't, the money can be put into the unemployment trust fund. That fund is nearly depleted after spending more than \$1.8 billion.

The alternative would be to borrow from the federal government to continue paying unemployment

benefits. The problem with that is the federal government charges a very high interest rate on those loans — upward of 7 percent.

Most recently, she said the state used \$22 million in CARES Act money to leverage \$72 million more in federal virus funding.

She said the state is still working to get full funding to cover the Nevada National Guard's costs through the end of the year. Until now, the federal government has been paying 100 percent of the guard's costs. The federal government this week denied Nevada's application to pay the additional \$7 million that is expected to cost.

More than \$295 million went directly to Clark County and \$119 million to Las Vegas. Those two entities qualified for a direct grant because they are each home to more than 500,000 people.

Communities in the rest of the state got funding from the state according to a formula based on population. Since the formula is population based, Reno received the largest amount outside of Clark County, \$23.3 million, followed by \$10.1 million to Washoe County and \$9.6 million to Sparks.

Carson City received \$5.1 million and, like all the other local entities, can apply for an additional grant the same size as the first one.

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