

## Bring your lunch and your appetite to learn!

Join us for a brownbag  
lunch seminar

**Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup>**

**11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

*Presentation will start promptly at noon.*

Hosted by:

**City of Reno**

One East First Street

7<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room



### **Oliver Montello Neighborhood Infill Project**

#### ***Mr. David Morton, Executive Director, Reno Housing Authority***

The Oliver Montello Neighborhood is a historically African American community located in the northeast area of the City of Reno. It has long suffered from crime, drugs and gang problems. In 2005, the City of Reno, working closely with the residents of the area, initiated a neighborhood revitalization process that has included significant investment in the infrastructure and properties in the neighborhood. This effort has entailed the coordination of the City's Code Enforcement, Parks, Public Works and Police departments, as well as the community, Neighborhood Advisory Board, Community Services Agency, Reno Housing Authority (RHA) and other partners.

Since 2008, RHA has administered the expenditure of more than \$1.76 million in buying and rehabbing 19 properties in the Oliver Montello neighborhood: first, under a special Economic Development Initiative (EDI) grant from HUD and a previous award of HOME funds from the Washoe County HOME Consortium, and subsequently through the \$21 million Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) 2 grant, in which Oliver Montello is named as a designated target area. Demonstrating its commitment to the neighborhood improvement effort, RHA also used non-federal funding of its own to purchase additional properties with blighted structures and demolish them.

**Biography:** Mr. Morton is the Executive Director of the City of Reno Housing Authority (RHA). He has been with the RHA since 1988. He has been the President of the Washoe Affordable Housing Corporation since April 2000. Prior to holding this position he worked for the Dallas Housing Authority and the Metropolitan Development and Housing Agency in Nashville, TN. Mr. Morton has a Bachelor of Arts, Master of Arts, and was a candidate for the Doctor of Philosophy degree at Vanderbilt University.



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