

# CDFIS: EXPANDING HEALTHCARE OPTIONS

## CHURCHILL COUNCIL ON ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS (NEW FRONTIER)

### RURAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROVIDER EXPANDS FACILITIES WITH CDFI SUPPORT

#### Fallon, Churchill County, NV

CDFI: RURAL COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE CORPORATION

The Churchill Council on Alcohol and Other Drugs, doing business as New Frontier, is a trusted provider of substance use treatment and behavioral health services in Fallon, Nevada—a rural community of about 9,300 residents located roughly an hour east of Reno. Like many rural areas, Fallon has seen rising mental health and substance use challenges in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. To meet growing demand, New Frontier developed plans to expand its main facility, adding residential treatment beds, outpatient offices, and integrated space for psychiatric and primary medical care.

The project received strong federal support, including a \$2.8 million U.S. Department of Agriculture Community Facilities loan and a \$1 million Emergency Rural Health Care grant. However, like many small nonprofits, New Frontier lacked the upfront capital needed to cover construction costs while awaiting federal disbursements. RCAC, a CDFI, stepped in to fill the gap by providing a \$3.7 million short-term construction loan through its Loan Fund, allowing the project to move forward immediately and stay on schedule. RCAC also helped the organization navigate federal compliance requirements, including Davis-Bacon wage rules, and worked closely with USDA to coordinate fund draws and repayment. Without RCAC's federally supported Loan Fund, the expansion would have stalled—delaying urgently needed behavioral health services for rural Nevadans and putting long-term USDA investment at risk.

