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SOUTHERN NEVADA CHAPTER—INTERNATIONAL CODE COUNCIL
TODDLER SWIM LESSONS GRANT PROGRAM

The Southern Nevada Chapter of the International Code Council has approved grants of $1,500 to the local Parks and Recreation Department of each city and county government in Southern Nevada to provide free swim lessons to toddlers 4 years old and younger. The Chapter noted that during the last 3 years, we have lost 28 toddlers to drowning deaths in swimming pools in Southern Nevada.

The SN-ICC members believe it is time to do whatever can be done to reduce future occurrences of such drowning deaths and recognize that teaching toddlers to swim is one of the best ways to reduce such occurrences.

The following is the criteria for the award of the $1,500 grant:

1. The funds must first be used to provide free swim lessons to toddlers 4 years of age and younger. If there are an insufficient number of such toddlers to expend the entire $1,500, then the funds can be used to provide free swim lessons to children of any age. After completion of the swim lessons, any remaining funds can be used for any activity that directly promotes pool safety, such as public education materials on pool safety or public service announcements.

2. Each jurisdiction receiving the grant is free to determine how best to identify the toddlers and children to receive the free swim lessons.

3. The grant check must be presented to the appropriate official(s) at a regularly scheduled meeting of the elected representatives of the jurisdiction (i.e. City Council; Board of County Commissioners).

4. After all funds have been spent, a letter containing a brief summary indicating how many children received free swim lessons and how any remaining funds were utilized is required to be sent to the Southern Nevada Chapter of the International Code Council at the following address:

   Southern Nevada Chapter, International Code Council
   Attn: Neil Burning, President
   c/o Clark County Development Services Department
   4701 W. Russell Road
   Las Vegas, NV 89118

Questions regarding the grant may be directed to Neil Burning, Clark County Development Services, at (702) 455-8020 or nburning@clarkcountynv.gov.