

## NEVADA STATE CONTRACTORS BOARD NEWS RELEASE

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## **CONTRACTORS BOARD AWARDS \$267,433 TO HARMED HOMEOWNERS**

LAS VEGAS and RENO, NEV. – The Nevada State Contractors Board (NSCB) held Residential Recovery Fund Subcommittee meetings on September 22 and October 20. In September, 11 cases were heard and 7 homeowners who incurred damages from licensed contractors were awarded an aggregate total of \$115,641. During October's meeting, 19 cases were heard and 18 homeowners were awarded an aggregate total of \$151,792.

"Owners of single-family residences should always use licensed Nevada contractors for home repair and improvement projects, affording themselves the opportunity to be eligible for financial recourse in the event their project doesn't go as promised," said NSCB Executive Officer Margi Grein. "In 1999, the State Legislature established the Residential Recovery Fund to give the public additional protections, and it has since provided monetary remedy to hundreds of homeowners."

The Residential Recovery Fund Subcommittee meets at least once every two months to consider claims filed by Nevada owners of single-family residences who have hired a licensed contractor and incurred damages that could not be remedied during the investigative process. The Recovery Fund is supported solely by assessments paid by licensed residential contractors.

Since it was established by the Nevada Legislature in 1999, the Residential Recovery Fund has awarded more than \$14 million to harmed homeowners. Homeowners who have concerns with a residential construction project are encouraged to file a complaint with NSCB, and have up to four years from the date the work was performed to do so. This may include alleged workmanship issues, failure to adhere to the terms of a contract, or other project matters homeowners are unable to resolve with their contractor directly.

Complaint forms can be found on the Board's website at <a href="www.nscb.nv.gov">www.nscb.nv.gov</a>, or by contacting the Board's offices directly at (702) 486-1100 or (775) 688-1141.



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