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### **Request for ARPA Funds-- National League of Cities' One Nation, One Project: Improving Community Health and Resilience through the Arts Initiative (B)**

The City of Gainesville has an opportunity to participate in the National League of Cities' One Nation, One Project: Improving Community Health and Resilience through the Arts Initiative. A proposal would need to be submitted in response to this RFP by February 4th outlining an initiative that would support the development of a city-wide project that utilizes arts and health to improve well-being and community conditions. The team behind the SPARC352 effort would like to support such a proposal by assisting the City of Gainesville in outlining a city-wide arts project focused on mitigating the conditions that have led to increases in gun violence in many of Gainesville's underserved communities since the start of COVID. The One Nation, One Project proposal requires a commitment of 2% of the City's ARPA funds towards the proposal and would require the City of Gainesville to operate as the lead agency in building a partnership with local artists and arts organizations together with other potential partners that would deliver and implement the proposed project. Members of the SPARC352 team will present the National League of Cities' One Nation, One Project: Improving Community Health and Resilience through the Arts Initiative program for consideration and discussion by the members of the Commission.

The initiative requires that cities allocate at least 2% of their respective ARPA funds to support an arts and wellness project in Gainesville.

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The City Commission 1) hear a presentation on how the project could be set up to address the RFP and discuss, 2) if in agreement, approve the allocation of 2% of the City's ARPA funds toward a potential proposal to the National League of Cities' proposal in response to the RFP, 3) authorize the City Manager or designee to prepare and submit a proposal for the One Nation, One Project: Improving Community Health and Resilience through the Arts Initiative before February 4, 2022.