



City of Gainesville Agenda Item Report

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Agenda Date: December 16, 2024

Department: Gainesville Fire Rescue

Title: 2024-945 One Nation One Project GNV Data Review and Best Practices Presentation (B)

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Description: Staff from the City of Gainesville Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Affairs and Fire Rescue departments will give a presentation to the Joint City/County Commission showcasing data collected through the two-year arts and wellbeing initiative, One Nation One Project GNV, including lessons learned and best practices.

Fiscal Note: NA

Explanation: One Nation One Project (ONOP) is a national initiative that began with Gainesville and eight other U.S. cities. The goal of One Nation One Project is to put a spotlight on the proven health benefits of arts participation on individuals and communities, all while uniting artists, local governments and community health providers.

In January 2022, the City Commission recognized youth gun violence as a local issue. This issue has worsened in the aftermath of the pandemic. For this reason, the City Commission decided to:

- Apply to take part in One Nation One Project.
- Put two percent of the City's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds (\$648,172) towards art and culture activities. These art and culture activities aim to address youth violence.

The three-phased project supported 29 local community projects and engaged over 3,600 youth in various arts and wellbeing activities to reduce gun violence. Throughout the project, data was collected from both youth participants and project facilitators. Utilizing support and tools available through the Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Data Track, performance metrics and a management process were developed. Following project conclusion, staff have analyzed the data and gleaned best practices and lessons from the work.

Strategic Connection:

- Goal 1: Equitable Community
- Goal 2: More Sustainable Community
- Goal 3: A Great Place to Live and Experience
- Goal 4: Resilient Local Economy
- Goal 5: “Best in Class” Neighbor Services

Recommendation: The Joint City/County Commission hear a presentation from City of Gainesville staff.