

Information Item

Date: February 12, 2024

To: Mayor, Mayor Pro Tempore, and Members of the City Council

From: Tiffany Oliva, Director of Intergovernmental Affairs & Strategic Initiatives,

Subject: Update on The Arts Council of Winston Salem and Forsyth County- There's No Place Like Home Project Funded by City ARPA-Enabled Funds.

Strategic Focus Area: Service Excellence

Strategic Objective: no

Strategic Plan Action Item: no

Key Work Item: no



On October 17, 2022, The Arts Council of Winston Salem, and Forsyth County- There's No Place Like Home was approved by the City Council with ARPA-enabled funding in the amount of \$1,000,000.

The Art Council of Winston Salem and Forsyth County's project was chosen to be a part of National League of Cities' One Nation/One Project which will bring together 18 cities nationwide. Artists and Community Health Centers across the nation will premiere collaborative artworks on an unprecedented scale. Each site will creatively respond to the single prompt: There's No Place Like Home. The multi-faceted artistic intervention is designed to activate the power of arts and culture to strengthen the social fabric of our nation. The objective is to pilot a national arts and wellness project designed to leverage the proven benefits of arts engagement to foster holistic recovery, well-being, and social cohesion in communities

Chase Law CEO and Director has recently announced her resignation with the Arts Council. Chase Law will update the City Council on the Arts Council's transformational grant project, and what can be expected during the transition.