

LEGISLATIVE TRACKING FORM

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Title (Caption): A resolution appropriating \$200,000 in American Rescue Plan Act funds from Fund #30216 to

Habitat for Humanity of Greater Nashville to renovate the historic Parkwood Community Club ballfields.

Submitted to Planning Commission? N/A Yes-Date: _____ Proposal No: _____

Proposing Department: Finance Requested By: _____

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| FINANCE Amount +/-: \$ _____ Funding Source: Capital Improvement Budget Capital Outlay Notes Departmental/Agency Budget Funds to Metro General Obligation Bonds Grant Increased Revenue Sources | Match: \$ _____ Judgments and Losses Local Government Investment Project Revenue Bonds Self-Insured Liability Solid Waste Reserve Unappropriated Fund Balance 4% Fund Other: _____ Date to Finance Director's Office: _____ APPROVED BY FINANCE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE: _____ |
| Approved by OMB: <u>Aaron Pratt</u> Approved by Finance/Accounts: _____ Approved by Div Grants Coordination: _____ | |

ADMINISTRATION

Council District Member Sponsors: _____

Council Committee Chair Sponsors: _____

Approved by Administration: _____ **Date:** _____

DEPARTMENT OF LAW Date to Dept. of Law: _____ Approved by Department of Law: _____

Settlement Resolution/Memorandum Approved by: _____

Date to Council: _____ For Council Meeting: _____ E-mailed Clerk

All Dept. Signatures Copies Backing Legislative Summary Settlement Memo Clerk Letter Ready to File

Resolution No. RS2025 _____

A resolution appropriating \$200,000 in American Rescue Plan Act funds from Fund #30216 to Habitat for Humanity of Greater Nashville to renovate the historic Parkwood Community Club ballfields.

WHEREAS, Section 7-3-314 of the Tennessee Code Annotated states that metropolitan forms of government may provide financial assistance to nonprofit organizations; and,

WHEREAS, Section 5.04.070 of the Metropolitan Code of Laws provides that the Council may, by Resolution, appropriate funds for the financial aid of nonprofit organizations; and,

WHEREAS, Habitat for Humanity of Greater Nashville is building homes in North Nashville and has also raised funds to ensure the Parkwood Community historic ballfields remain a cornerstone of this community and amenities such as green space are available to everyone who calls this area home; and,

WHEREAS, a \$200,000.00 grant to Habitat for Humanity of Greater Nashville to renovate the historic Parkwood Community Club ballfields, funded through an American Rescue Funds Act allocation would ensure completion of the ballfields project; and,

WHEREAS, it is to the benefit of the citizens of The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County that these funds be appropriated to Habitat for Humanity of Greater Nashville.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY:

Section 1. That \$200,000.00 from the American Rescue Plan Act Fund #30216 is hereby appropriated to Habitat for Humanity of Greater Nashville to renovate the historic Parkwood Community Club ballfields as described in Exhibit A attached hereto.

Section 2. That this Resolution shall take effect from and after its adoption, the welfare of The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County requiring it.

APPROVED AS TO AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS:

Jenneen Reed/myra
Jenneen Reed, Director
Department of Finance

INTRODUCED BY:

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Meki Eke
Assistant Metropolitan Attorney

Member(s) of Council

EXHIBIT A



Proposal Summary | Parkwood Community Club Renovations Metro Grant Request Submitted by Sherry Stinson: sstinson@habitatnashville.org

Habitat for Humanity of Greater Nashville is leading a community revitalization in one of the most under resourced districts in Metro Nashville. This exciting initiative in District 2 includes renovation of the historic Parkwood Community Club ballfields, establishing a 59-acre Metro Park, and building 26 affordable Habitat homes. ***Habitat is seeking funds to renovate the historic Parkwood Community Club ballfields to support the more than 13,000 youth in the community who are enrolled in Metro Nashville Public Schools and who don't have the opportunity to play baseball or softball due to lack of fields and facilities.*** Due to COVID and the condition of the fields, the number of youth participation has dropped significantly to under 100 from a pre-pandemic enrollment of 350 in their two leagues: Dixie Youth League and Little League. A new collaboration and partnership with Metro Schools and major local and national funders is about to change all of that once renovations to the ballfields are complete.

In moving forward in a collaboration between Parkwood Community Club and Habitat for Humanity of Greater Nashville, these parties entered into an agreement for Parkwood to quit claim to Habitat for Humanity 1.3 acres of the existing ball field land needed for the Metro Park entrance as follows:

- (a) *Habitat for Humanity agreed to lead fundraising efforts to raise at least \$250,000 for improvements to the ball field facilities.*
- (b) *Habitat for Humanity will lead the construction of the improvements in coordination with Parkwood board based upon the actual funds raised*
- (c) *During the construction of these improvement, Parkwood will cooperate with Habitat for Humanity providing access to the property as necessary for Habitat to complete the improvements.*

After Habitat for Humanity completes the construction, Parkwood will operate and maintain the improvements, and Parkwood agreed to repay Habitat the full cost of construction of all improvements made under the agreement in the event Parkwood were to sell this community-owned baseball facility within a period of 15 years following completion of the improvements.

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Scope of Work

Habitat intends to use the grant from Metro Government for the completion of the construction of Field 1 and Field 2 at Parkwood Community Club. The scope of work includes: engineer plans from Thomas Hutton, complete demolition of the fields, new turf, new fences, dugouts, scoreboards, new Musco lights, new concrete in between fields for ADA compliance, new asphalt, bridge and culvert repair to parking area, improved parking lot, minor improvements to the clubhouse and new entrance gate. The turf will ensure the longevity of the fields and give the youth in District 2 a playing field comparable to anywhere in the city.

Habitat of Greater Nashville is seeking \$200,000 in funding to complete the renovation of the two fields. Habitat has successfully raised \$1.9 million of secured funding and \$400,000 in gift-in-kind and seeks the remainder of the funding to complete the asphalt phase, ADA compliant concrete, improvements to the clubhouse, and parking lot and culvert and walkway construction. (see attached graphic for all the funders). A successful outcome will be to restore this community gem to its historic significance, provide baseball and softball resources for thousands of youth in the community, and become a baseball and softball facility and field resource to the thousands of youth in the community and Metro Public Schools. In addition, residents and families who participate at the Parkwood ballfields will enjoy quality of life greenspace through the adjoining Metro Park and 26 affordable Habitat homes.

These fields currently support boys' and girls' teams from pee wee to 8-years of age. In addition to the current leagues, the renovated fields will allow a partnership with Metro Nashville's Public lower schools in the zip code (and beyond) where of the enrollment is 91% minority, a majority of those are black with more than *6,500 students in the zip code accessible to develop baseball and softball programming, according to Roosevelt Sanders, District Athletic Director for Metro Schools.

1. Background Parkwood Community Club ballfields | Habitat for Humanity of Greater Nashville

In a small, somewhat forgotten, economically deprived area in North Nashville sits an under-utilized and under-funded baseball | softball complex, with a rich history and an epic story waiting for its next inning of play. Parkwood Community Club occupies land formerly owned by Fisk University and made history in Nashville as the first Dixie Youth baseball league to play

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integrated baseball in the '70s (winning three world series), and then made history again in 1984 becoming the first minority community controlled baseball | sports complex in Tennessee, and one of only five in the nation. www.parkwoodballfields.org

2. Need: Due to COVID and the aging condition of the fields, the number of youth participating at Parkwood has dropped significantly to under 100 from a pre-pandemic enrollment of 350. The reduction in player participation does not reflect the number of youth who live in the community who would welcome the opportunity to play softball/baseball and cannot due to lack of fields. In addition to the declining enrollment, field conditions make it challenging for Parkwood to host tournaments to help fund the upkeep of the ballfields and grow their baseball/softball programs. In the 37207 zip code alone, in which Parkwood ballfields are located, there are more than 13,000 youth enrolled in public schools who do not have the ability to play baseball/softball even at their schools due to lack of facilities. Parkwood's volunteer board is not equipped to conduct a major capital campaign to restore the fields to be able to offer under-resourced youth in the community opportunities for development and mentoring through the sport of baseball/softball. **Home of the Parkwood ballfields, District 2 in North Nashville has a population of 20,238 residents, of which 73% are Black/African American. The median household income is the lowest of Davidson County's 35 Districts at \$34,976. Thirty percent of residents are below poverty level.**

Solution: Habitat for Humanity of Greater Nashville is uniquely positioned to lead the fundraising and project management for the Parkwood ballfields having recently raised \$6 million specifically for the 2019 Jimmy & Rosalynn Carter Work Project, involving over 1,500 worldwide volunteers, building 21 homes and developing 59 lots for future Habitat homeowners. Habitat is equipped to provide construction expertise, financial oversight, and project management for the restoration of the ballfields. Habitat of Greater Nashville's annual budget of approximately \$25 million gives Habitat access and connections to reach major potential funders to ensure the funding goals can be achieved for this valuable community resource.

As funding and project lead for the renovation of the Parkwood ballfields, Habitat is also providing a pathway for community revitalization that adjoins Parkwood ballfields through a partnership with Metro Nashville Parks and Recreation Department for much needed green

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space with the establishment of a 59-acre Metro Park that will wrap around the ballfields, as well as 26 affordable Habitat homes to be built adjacent to the newly created Metro Park and Parkwood. This economic investment in the community should help bring in more businesses to this under-resourced food desert that has limited access to affordable and nutritious food.

3. Population - The Parkwood Community Club is located in Davidson County District 2, which has a population of 20,238 residents, of which 73% are Black/African American. Only 35% are high school graduates and 11% have bachelor’s degrees. The median household income is the lowest of Davidson County’s 35 Districts at \$34,976. Thirty percent are below poverty level.

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Parkwood will have the opportunity to offer community programs in the clubhouse for GED, job training, and after school tutoring as they once did to at-risk youth in the neighborhood who average 4% math proficiency and 10% reading proficiency in the Metro schools. Parkwood has partnered with the Tenn Biker Education for back-to-school bash for community children in August 2023.

With the support of funders and community leaders, Parkwood’s history will not strike out, and another half-century of community impact is heading for home base!

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