

# CITY of ALBUQUERQUE

## TWENTY FIFTH COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. R-23-117 ENACTMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_

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1 RESOLUTION

2 APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A GRANT APPLICATION FOR  
3 THE ROUTE 66 CORRIDOR PRESERVATION PROGRAM, FOR FISCAL YEAR  
4 2023 THROUGH FISCAL YEAR 2024.

5 WHEREAS, in recognition of the significance of Route 66 to America's  
6 heritage, Congress passed an act in 1999 to create the Route 66 Corridor  
7 Preservation Program, which is administered by the National Park Service; and

8 WHEREAS, first funded in 2001, this program collaborates with private,  
9 nonprofit, and government partners to identify, prioritize and address priority  
10 preservation needs of Route 66, including planning, research and education  
11 initiatives related to the preservation of Route 66, in order to preserve and  
12 commemorate the special places and stories of this important era of American  
13 history; and

14 WHEREAS, in 2026, the nation will be celebrating the Route 66 Centennial --  
15 the 100th anniversary of the Mother Road serving the traveling public; and

16 WHEREAS, Route 66 was one of the United States' first continuous stretches  
17 of paved highway, and served as a major path for those who migrated west

18 WHEREAS, the stretch of Route 66 that runs through Albuquerque on  
19 Central Ave. is the longest urban stretch of the historic highway along the entire  
20 Mother Road in the country; and

21 WHEREAS, Route 66 has been a critical driver of small business  
22 development and job creation and includes some of Albuquerque's most  
23 prominent arts and culture attractions; and

24 WHEREAS, the Route 66 Centennial Commission Act was passed by  
25 Congress and signed into law by the President on December 23, 2020 to create  
26 a commission that will recommend activities to commemorate the 100th

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1 anniversary of U.S. Route 66 in 2026; and will consist of representatives from  
2 each of the eight Route 66 states who will recommend the production of various  
3 written materials, films and documentaries to commemorate the history of  
4 Route 66; and

5 WHEREAS, The Centennial Anniversary Celebration is a great opportunity  
6 for the City of Albuquerque to showcase the value of promoting Albuquerque's  
7 stretch of Route 66 as it is tied to the unique cultural heritage of our City; and

8 WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service has  
9 issued a Notice of Funding Opportunity dedicated to preserving the special  
10 places and stories of the historic highway; and

11 WHEREAS, the City desires to appropriate these funds and City funds in  
12 the amount of \$30,000 from the Operating Grants Fund 265 for the purpose of  
13 creating an educational program dedicated to the preservation of the history  
14 and cultural heritage of Route 66.

15 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF  
16 ALBUQUERQUE:

17 Section 1. That the application for funds with the U.S. Department of the  
18 Interior National Park Service in the amount of \$30,000 is hereby approved,  
19 and its acceptance and filing with the appropriate official or office is in all  
20 respects approved.

21 Section 2. That upon award, funds in the amount of \$30,000 in federal funds  
22 from the U.S. Department of the Interior National Park Service is hereby  
23 appropriated to the Department of Arts and Culture in the Operating Grant  
24 Fund 265 for Fiscal Year 2023.

25 Section 3. That in the event this grant is received, upon execution of an  
26 agreement of the parties, the amounts indicated above will be adjusted to  
27 reflect actual Federal participation.