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**Senator Haile secures \$500,000 in budget for local and regional initiatives**

(NASHVILLE) - **State Senator Ferrell Haile (R-Gallatin)** secured \$500,000 in funding in the 2025-26 state budget for the Gallatin Shalom Zone to renovate their gymnasium. The appropriated funds are part of a [\\$59.8 billion budget](#) passed by the General Assembly April 16.

"The impact Shalom Zone has had in our community is undeniable," said Haile. "Reopening the gymnasium is not just about creating more space, it's a critical step forward in expanding their mission. It allows for growth in programs, strengthens their outreach, and serves even more residents with dignity, compassion, and purpose. Ultimately, this is about building a stronger, more connected Sumner County."

The Gallatin Shalom Zone is a non-profit serving all of Sumner County. The organization provided over 11,000 meals, distributed more than 34,000 hygiene and diaper products, and supported over 200 students in 2024 alone. Due to this funding, the organization will reopen its gymnasium, creating space to expand existing programs, introduce new services, and generate additional support through event space rentals. These resources will allow Shalom Zone to enhance its facilities and extend its reach to even more residents across the county.

This year's state budget reaffirms the General Assembly's commitment to conservative budgeting, while prioritizing the needs of Tennesseans across the state. The balanced budget advances the state's efforts to improve public safety, invest in infrastructure, advance education, support rural healthcare, and increase disaster relief funding for Hurricane Helene recovery.

Tennessee Republicans remain committed to keeping taxes low. Tennessee is the third-lowest taxed state in the nation and collects zero income tax. Tennessee holds the highest bond rating issued by all three of the nation's credit rating agencies, which reflects extreme confidence in the Volunteer State's preparedness in meeting financial commitments in tough economic times.

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