



Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County, TN

Legislation Text

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A resolution appropriating \$9,000,000 in American Rescue Plan Act funds from Fund #30216 to the Metro Homeless Impact Division of Metro Social Services for temporary interim gap housing.

WHEREAS, on June 15, 2021, the Metropolitan Council passed Resolution RS2021-966, a resolution which accepted grant funds for local government support from the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds established by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 ("ARP Funds") from the U.S. Department of the Treasury to The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, which was subsequently signed into law by Mayor John Cooper on June 16, 2021; and,

WHEREAS, Resolution RS2021-966 established a COVID-19 Financial Oversight Committee ("the Committee") whose role is to collect, consider, and recommend appropriate uses of the ARP Funds as designated by the Metropolitan Council disbursement plan. The Committee will submit its reports and recommendations to the Mayor, the Director of Finance, and the Metropolitan Council not later than June 30, 2025; and,

WHEREAS, there are federal requirements for use of ARP Funds that require that these funds be expended or obligated on or before December 31, 2024; and,

WHEREAS, the Committee recognizes that under a housing first approach there is a critical need for temporary gap housing until individuals and families experiencing homelessness can find permanent supportive housing; and,

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Homeless Impact Division (MHID) of Metro Social Services seeks to immediately procure temporary housing facilities, hotels, church facilities, and related services at designated housing navigation sites, as described in Exhibit A; and,

WHEREAS, the gap housing is short term in nature and temporary as an option, with an expected residency of between 90 days and up to two years; and,

WHEREAS, it is to the benefit of the citizens of The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County that this resolution be approved.

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

Section 1. The Metropolitan Council accepts this resolution as a recommendation of the COVID-19 Financial Oversight Committee.

Section 2. That \$ 9,000,000 from the Covid-19 American Rescue Plan Fund #30216 is hereby appropriated to Metro Social Services for the purposes outlined in Exhibit A.

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect from and after its final passage, the welfare of the public requiring it.

Analysis

This resolution appropriates \$9,000,000 in American Rescue Plan Act ("ARPA") funds from Fund #30216 to

the Metro Homeless Impact Division of Metro Social Services (“MHID”). MHID has proposed that the funding be used for temporary interim gap housing for individuals and families experiencing homelessness. This temporary interim gap housing would assist until individuals and families can find permanent supportive housing.

MHID proposes using temporary housing facilities, hotels, church facilities, and related services at designated housing navigation sites. The gap housing is short term in nature and temporary, with an expected residency of between 90 days and two years.

The COVID-19 Financial Oversight Committee has recommended this request be funded through ARPA funds.

Fiscal Note: This \$9,000,000 appropriation, along with the appropriations per Resolution No. RS2022-1696, Resolution No. RS2022-1697, and Resolution No. RS2022-1699 would be the 27th, 28th, 29th and 30th resolutions appropriating from the American Recovery Plan Act (ARP) Fund for a cumulative total of \$160,508,686. The total grant award is \$259,810,600. The first half of this amount was received in July 2021 and the second half was received in July 2022.