

LEGISLATIVE TRACKING FORM

Filing for Council Meeting Date: March 3, 2026

Resolution Ordinance

Contact/Prepared By: Evan Davis

Date Prepared: January 16, 2026

Title (Caption): Bloomberg Philanthropies Youth Climate Action Fund 26.27 Application

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

Proposing Department: Mayor's Office Requested By: Kendra Abkowicz

Affected Department(s): Metro Water Affected Council District(s): all

Legislative Category (check one):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Bonds | <input type="checkbox"/> Contract Approval | <input type="checkbox"/> Intergovernmental Agreement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Budget - Pay Plan | <input type="checkbox"/> Donation | <input type="checkbox"/> Lease |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Budget - 4% | <input type="checkbox"/> Easement Abandonment | <input type="checkbox"/> Maps |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Capital Improvements | <input type="checkbox"/> Easement Accept/Acquisition | <input type="checkbox"/> Master List A&E |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Capital Outlay Notes | <input type="checkbox"/> Grant | <input type="checkbox"/> Settlement of Claims/Lawsuits |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Code Amendment | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grant Application | <input type="checkbox"/> Street/Highway Improvements |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Condemnation | <input type="checkbox"/> Improvement Acc. | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

FINANCE Amount +/-: \$ <u>\$ 50,000.00</u> Funding Source: Capital Improvement Budget Capital Outlay Notes Departmental/Agency Budget Funds to Metro General Obligation Bonds Grant Increased Revenue Sources	Match: \$ <u>\$ 0.00</u> 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: <u>Juanita Paulsen</u>	<i>AB</i>

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: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> E-mailed Clerk
<input type="checkbox"/> All Dept. Signatures <input type="checkbox"/> Copies <input type="checkbox"/> Backing <input type="checkbox"/> Legislative Summary <input type="checkbox"/> Settlement Memo <input type="checkbox"/> Clerk Letter <input type="checkbox"/> Ready to File	

Grants Tracking Form

Part One

Pre-Application <input type="radio"/>		Application <input checked="" type="radio"/>		Award Acceptance <input type="radio"/>		Contract Amendment <input type="radio"/>	
Department	Dept. No.	Contact		Phone	Fax		
MAYOR'S OFFICE	004	Evan Davis		9060576			
Grant Name:	Youth Climate Action Fund 26-27						
Grantor:	Bloomberg Philanthropies	Other:					
Grant Period From:	03/01/26	<small>(applications only) Anticipated Application Date:</small>		01/22/26			
Grant Period To:	02/28/27	<small>(applications only) Application Deadline:</small>		01/23/26			
Funding Type:	FOUNDATION	Multi-Department Grant		<input type="checkbox"/>	If yes, list below.		
Pass-Thru:		Outside Consultant Project:		<input type="checkbox"/>			
Award Type:	COMPETITIVE	Total Award:		\$50,000.00			
Status:	NEW	Metro Cash Match:		\$0.00			
Metro Category:	New Initiative	Metro In-Kind Match:					
CFDA #	n/a	Is Council approval required?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Project Description:	Applic. Submitted Electronically? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						
<p>In collaboration with non-profit partner Cumberland River Compact, Metro Nashville will create a Neighborhood Youth Climate Captains program where youth (age 15-24) will join a leadership cohort to strengthen their community engagement skills, identify neighborhood climate action projects (like tree planting, depaving, native plantings, community cleanups, etc), and receive microgrants to implement selected projects. All funds will go directly to Cumberland River Compact.</p>							
Plan for continuation of service after expiration of grant/Budgetary Impact:							
The ongoing Roof Nashville campaign will sustain the efforts of this grant through the existing Neighborhood Captians program.							
How is Match Determined?							
Fixed Amount of \$		or	% of Grant		Other: <input type="checkbox"/>		
Explanation for "Other" means of determining match:							
For this Metro FY, how much of the required local Metro cash match:							
Is already in department budget?			Fund	Business Unit			
Is not budgeted?			Proposed Source of Match:				
(Indicate Match Amount & Source for Remaining Grant Years in Budget Below)							
Other:							
Number of FTEs the grant will fund:		0.00	Actual number of positions added:		0.00		
Departmental Indirect Cost Rate		0.00%	Indirect Cost of Grant to Metro:		\$0.00		
*Indirect Costs allowed? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No		% Allow.	0.00%	Ind. Cost Requested from Grantor:			
				\$0.00	in budget		
<small>*(If "No", please attach documentation from the grantor that indirect costs are not allowable. See Instructions)</small>							
Draw down allowable? <input type="checkbox"/>							
Metro or Community-based Partners:							
Cumberland River Compact, Metro Water							

Part Two

Grant Budget										
Budget Year	Metro Fiscal Year	Federal Grantor	State Grantor	Other Grantor	Local Match Cash	Match Source (Fund, BU)	Local Match In-Kind	Total Grant Each Year	Indirect Cost to Metro	Ind. Cost Neg. from Grantor
Yr 1	FY26	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50,000.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Yr 2	FY__									
Yr 3	FY__									
Yr 4	FY__									
Yr 5	FY__									
Total		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50,000.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Date Awarded:					Tot. Awarded:		Contract#:			
(or) Date Denied:					Reason:					
(or) Date Withdrawn:					Reason:					

Contact: juanita.paulsen@nashville.gov
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GCP Rec'd
01/20/26

GCP Approved
01/20/26

VW

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A resolution approving a Youth Climate Action Fund grant application from Bloomberg Philanthropies to the Metropolitan Government, acting by and through the Office of the Mayor, to create a Neighborhood Youth Climate Captains program in collaboration with the non-profit Cumberland River Compact to offer Nashville youth a way to have a tangible impact on the city.

WHEREAS, Bloomberg Philanthropies is accepting applications for a Youth Climate Action Fund grant with an award of \$50,000 with no cash match required; and,

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Government is eligible to participate in this grant program; and,

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

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

Section 1. That the application for a Bloomberg Philanthropies Youth Climate Action Fund grant, with an award of \$50,000, to create a Neighborhood Youth Climate Captains program in collaboration with the non-profit Cumberland River Compact to offer Nashville youth a way to have a tangible impact on the city, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein, is hereby approved, and the Office of the Mayor is authorized to submit said application to Bloomberg Philanthropies.

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/mjr
Jenneen Reed, Director
Department of Finance

INTRODUCED BY:

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Courtney Mohan
Assistant Metropolitan Attorney

Member(s) of Council

Youth Climate Action Fund – Application Form

** Indicates required question*

Section 1: Overview of Your City

City Name *: Nashville

State/Province *: Tennessee

Country *: United States of America

Region *: North America

City Population *: 715,884

To ensure consistent data, please enter the population as a continuous number (e.g., 100000) without commas, periods, or other separators.

Name of Mayor (or Equivalent) *: Mayor Freddie O'Connell

Mayor's (or Equivalent's) Email Address *: mayor@nashville.gov

Mayor's (or Equivalent's) Preferred Phone Number *: 615.862.6000

Please include the country code: United States

Mayoral (or Equivalent's) Term Start Date *: September 25, 2023

Mayoral (or Equivalent's) Term End Date *: September 24, 2027

Name of Person Submitting Application *: Evan Davis

Title *: Grants Writer

Department *: Mayor's Office

Email Address *: evan.davis@nashville.gov

Phone Number *: 615.906.0576

Please include the country code: United States

Confirmation that Applicant is authorized to submit application on behalf of city *

Yes

No

City Social Media Accounts:

- Instagram
 - @metronashville
 - @mayorofnashvilletn
- X
 - @metronashville
 - @freddieoconnell
- LinkedIn
 - Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County
 - Office of Mayor Freddie O'Connell

- Facebook
 - @metronashville
 - Freddie O’Connell, Mayor of Metropolitan Nashville & Davidson County

We currently plan to deliver this program in English, Spanish, and French. Would your city need materials or sessions in another language to ensure full participation? Please note that youth participants will be able to engage in any language.

Please select the option that best applies:

My city would be able to participate in English, Spanish, or French

My city can only participate if a Portuguese option is available

My city can only participate if an Arabic option is available

Section 2: Your City’s Climate Strategy and Youth Engagement

This section helps us understand your city’s overall climate framework, including your strategic direction, focus areas, and how youth-led projects will build on that foundation.

Please provide a publicly accessible web address to your city’s official climate action plan or strategy. This should be an actively used climate strategy or plan, such as plans consistent with the Global Covenant of Mayors (GCoM) frameworks. *

https://www.nashville.gov/sites/default/files/2024-09/Climate_Adaptation_Resilience_Plan_Final.pdf?ct=1727730408

<https://www.nashville.gov/sites/default/files/2021-04/2021-Report-Climate-Change-Mitigation-Action-Plan.pdf?ct=1618947666>

Status of Your City’s Climate Plan:

Please complete one or more of the following (A, B, or C) *

A. Our current plan was established in: 2024 (Year)

B. Our current plan was updated in: _____ (Year)

C. Our plan is under development (expected completion in: _____ Year)

Which city networks are you a part of? *Please include all that apply

- **GCoM (Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy)**
- C40 (Cities Climate Leadership Group)
- ICLEI (Local Governments for Sustainability)
- UCLG (United Cities and Local Governments)
- Other

Please provide a short description of your city’s climate priorities * (Maximum 150 words)

Metro Nashville is committed to supporting equitable, sustainable growth. This means a commitment to improving our residents' quality of life, particularly in disadvantaged communities. It means preserving our city's natural resources, and mitigating our impact on climate change by reducing our greenhouse gas emissions and other wasteful practices. It also means minimizing the negative impacts of the changing climate on our communities, built environment, supportive systems, and economy. Recognizing that climate change is a “risk multiplier” that disproportionately impacts people and communities that have suffered historical and ongoing marginalization, neglect, exploitation, and/or underinvestment, Metro Nashville’s strategy focuses on addressing underlying causes. Our work is focused on three key areas: sustainability, resiliency, and environment. Specific tactics to address climate change include, but are not limited to, decarbonization of the electrical grid, buildings, and fleet, multimodal transportation enhancements, urban heat mitigation, green infrastructure, tree planting, and much more. (146/150)

What excites your city most about joining the Youth Climate Action Fund, and what do you hope to achieve through participation? **(Maximum 150 words — we invite you to share what makes this opportunity meaningful and what impact you hope it will create for your city and young people.)*

The Youth Climate Action Fund opportunity uniquely blends the priorities of the newly established Mayor’s Office of Youth Safety, the ongoing Root Nashville Campaign, the Nashville Youth Climate Summit, and the Mayor’s Youth Council. In collaboration with non-profit partner Cumberland River Compact, Metro Nashville will create a Neighborhood Youth Climate Captains program where youth (age 15-24) will join a leadership cohort to strengthen their community engagement skills, identify neighborhood climate action projects (like tree planting, depaving, native plantings, community cleanups, etc), and receive microgrants to implement selected projects. We are excited to invite youth leadership of a city-wide effort, offering our young people a way to have a tangible impact on the city. While we are excited about the climate action projects that youth will identify and lead, we are most excited to collaborate with young leaders, and we hope this is just the beginning of our partnership with them. (150/150)

Section 3: Your City’s Commitment

Mayor’s Pledge

The Youth Climate Action Fund requires commitment and support from the city's mayor.

To complete your city’s application to the Youth Climate Action Fund, each mayor must sign this document to commit to the values and principles below. Applications will not be considered without the mayor’s signature.

Upload the Mayor’s Pledge document, signed by your mayor or equivalent *:

[2026.01.12. _YCAF-Mayor's-Pledge.pdf](#)

I confirm that the uploaded signature is true and accurate and corresponds to the mayor (or equivalent) of my city *

Yes

No

Section 4: Key Contacts

Information about the city staff member(s) who will be responsible for implementing your city’s Youth Climate Action Fund program.

Primary Contact / City Lead:

First and Last Name *: Kendra Abkowitz

Title *: Deputy Chief of Operations – Infrastructure, Sustainability, and Resiliency

City Department *: Mayor’s Office

Email Address *: kendra.abkowitz@nashville.gov

Preferred Phone Number *: 615.880.1506

Please Include the country code: United States

A brief description of their role *: Based in the Mayor’s Office, the Deputy Chief of Operations leads Metro Nashville’s sustainability, resiliency, and infrastructure efforts, working closely with departmental leadership and staff to align vision and implementation.

Secondary Contact - Optional:

Feel free to provide additional contact information for a staff member who should receive updates about this program.

First and Last Name: Rebecca Dohn

Title: Assistant Manager of Water Services

City Department: Water

Email Address: rebecca.dohn@nashville.gov

Preferred Phone Number: 615.862.4734

Please Include the country code: United States

A brief description of their role: Based in Metro Nashville’s Water Department, the Stormwater Sustainability Coordinator supports a portfolio of water projects, including oversight of the city’s Root Nashville campaign and management of the city’s tree canopy.

Secondary Contact - Optional:

Feel free to provide additional contact information for a staff member who should receive updates about this program.

First and Last Name: Mekayle Houghton

Title: Executive Director

City Department: Cumberland River Compact

Email Address: mekayle.houghton@cumberlandrivercompact.org

Preferred Phone Number: 615.8371151

Please Include the country code: United States

A brief description of their role: Mekayle Houghton has been Executive Director since 2014 and with the Cumberland River Compact since 2005. Mekayle led the organization to develop two significant fee-for-service programs in stream restoration and urban ecological restoration and built a partnership with the city of Nashville to launch Root Nashville. She serves on the River Network board of Directors, the Ohio River Basin Alliance Steering Committee, and numerous state and local advisory boards including TN H2O, the state's water planning initiative, and Nashville's Sustainability Advisory Committee. Under her leadership, the Cumberland River Compact's staff has grown to 30 and the budget has grown 10-fold.

YOUTH CLIMATE ACTION FUND

Supported by Bloomberg Philanthropies

Youth Climate Action Fund: Mayor's Pledge

I Freddie O'Connell, Mayor (or equivalent) of

Nashville and Davidson County [city] confirm that:

- I feel the urgency of this moment and I am excited to be part of a group of global cities deploying microgrants to innovative youth engagement projects across my community within 12 months.
- I am committed to administering this youth-led climate action program in a way that is consistent with my city's climate plan.
- I can dedicate staff to launching and monitoring youth-led climate-focused microgrants, to participating in virtual technical assistance programming, and to sharing updates, impacts, and stories from the ground with Youth Climate Action Fund partners.



Freddie O'Connell

Mayor

APPLICATION FOR Youth Climate Action Fund

METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY

Kendal Albowitz

Deputy Chief of Operations
Mayor's Office

January 16, 2026
Date