

Request for Authorization to Accept Departmental Donation

Note: Pursuant to the Metropolitan Code, all departments, boards and commissions may accept and expend gifts/donations (Unconditional or unrestricted, from the perspective of the donor, transfer of assets) valued at \$7,500 or less.

Gifts and donations valued above \$7,500 to all departments, except those specifically granted authority to accept gifts/donations as authorized in the Metro Code; may be accepted and authorized for expenditure by Metro Council via a Resolution. Grants or conditional/restricted gifts or gifts requiring formal conditions or contracts may require additional consideration and review. Refer to Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, Finance Department Policy: #42 for additional guidance.

Instructions: An employee of the department requesting to accept an unconditional unrestricted gift to the department or otherwise on behalf of the department shall complete this form for review and approval prior to formal acceptance of the gift or donation.

Type of Donation: Axis Video Cameras

Purpose of Donation: (brief description of intended use, benefit to department, etc.) or see attached
To be used as traditional video cameras, consistent with existing public safety cameras for departmental use.

Value of Donation or Gift, actual or fair market: \$150,000 **Date of Donation:**

Individual Donor N/A **Group / Legal Entity Donor** N/A

Name: _____ Name of Entity:
Nashville Downtown Partnership

Address: _____ Name(s) of Officer(s) of Organization:
150 4th Ave N
Suite G150
Nashville TN, 37219
Tom Turner President & CEO, Ben Simpson COO

Description of Organization and Mission:
To make downtown Nashville the compelling urban center in the Southeast in which to LIVE, WORK, PLAY and INVEST

Check this box if Donor Requests Anonymity: (only an option if gift is \$7500 or below) Organization Website:
nashvilledowntown.com

Review and Approval

Name of Employee Making Request: _____ ENO: 580820 Date: 1-8-26
CMDR. RAYMOND JONES

Division Commander Approval: _____ ENO: 580820 Date: 1-8-26
CMDR RAYMOND JONES

Bureau Commander Approval: _____ ENO: 262755 Date: 1-8-26
ACOCOR Raymond A. Granderson

Police Executive Administrator – Fiscal: _____ ENO: 229491 Date: 1/8/26

Upon approval through the Chain of Command, the Police Finance will make notification to the requesting division of the approval.

Comments (describe any departmental conditions on acceptance or reasons for non-approval):



January 8, 2026
Chief John Drake
600 Murfreesboro, Pike
Nashville, TN 37210

I am writing to inform you that the Nashville Downtown Partnership intends to make the following donations to the Metro Government for the use of the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department:

- \$150,000.00 to assist with the purchase of video cameras
- \$430,000.00 to assist with the purchase of an armored rescue vehicle
- \$2,000,000.00 to assist with the purchase of a mobile command post
- \$800,000.00 to assist with the purchase of a tactical support post

This is intended to be a donation and not a grant in accordance with all procurement practices and procedures related to the Metro's purchasing guidelines.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ben Simpson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ben" being more prominent than the last name "Simpson".

Ben Simpson
Chief Operating Officer
Nashville Downtown Partnership
(615) 743 3090

Nashville Downtown Partnership, Inc.

Officers:

Ms. Kelly Hodges, Chairman

Ms. Teresa Broyles-Aplin, Vice Chairman

Mr. Keith Miles, Secretary

Ms. Becky Harrell, Treasurer

Mr. Johnny Moore, Immediate Past Chairman

Tom Turner (Ex Officio)

Description and Mission:

The Nashville Downtown Partnership was created in 1994 as a private, nonprofit corporation dedicated to serving the businesses, employees, residents, and visitors of Music City's urban core. Through our work and partnerships, we ensure downtown Nashville is the clean, safe, and vibrant place where you work, shop, live, and do business. Our core purpose is to make downtown Nashville the compelling urban center in the Southeast in which to LIVE, WORK, PLAY and INVEST.

Website:

<https://nashvilledowntown.com>