

RE: BL2021-725 Small Organization Requirements of the Barnes Fund

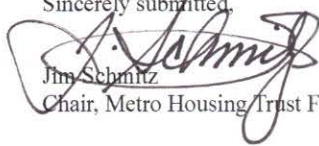
Dear members of the Metro Council,

On January 24, 2023, the Housing Trust Fund Commission voted unanimously to support CM Suara's legislation to amend BL2021-725 by removing the 3-year sunset provision of the 20% small organization subsection for each Barnes Fund grant round.

The Housing Trust Fund Commission has instituted a small organization subsection of funding for years beyond this requirement. However, the commission understands that this provision in Metro Code ensures that it will continue beyond the tenure of current Housing Division staff and commissioner terms. The commission noted that they have seen increased usage of the subsection since this amendment originally passed. The hope is that future applicants continue to utilize this small organization subsection beyond the current 3-year requirement.

Thank you for your service to the city and prioritizing the need to invest in deeply affordable housing and services to support our unhoused Nashville residents.

Sincerely submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Schmitz", is written over a printed name and title.

Jim Schmitz
Chair, Metro Housing Trust Fund Commission