

LEGISLATIVE TRACKING FORM

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Resolution Ordinance

Contact/Prepared By: Olivia Walker-Chaffin

Date Prepared: 03/03/26

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with technical assistance and specialized expertise to move projects from funding to active construction. The value of the in-kind grant is not to exceed \$50,000.00.

No match or other obligations to Choose How You Move or Metro Government. No money will be coming to Choose How You Move.

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

Proposing Department: Mayor's Office, Choose How You Move Requested By: Sabrina Sussman

Affected Department(s): Mayor's Office, Choose How You Move Affected Council District(s): _____

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grant | <input type="checkbox"/> Settlement of Claims/Lawsuits |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Code Amendment | <input 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>\$ 0.00</u>	Match: \$ <u>\$ 0.00</u>
Funding Source:	<input type="checkbox"/> Capital Improvement Budget <input type="checkbox"/> Capital Outlay Notes <input type="checkbox"/> Departmental/Agency Budget <input type="checkbox"/> Funds to Metro <input type="checkbox"/> General Obligation Bonds <input type="checkbox"/> Grant <input type="checkbox"/> Increased Revenue Sources	<input type="checkbox"/> Judgments and Losses <input type="checkbox"/> Local Government Investment Project <input type="checkbox"/> Revenue Bonds <input type="checkbox"/> Self-Insured Liability <input type="checkbox"/> Solid Waste Reserve <input type="checkbox"/> Unappropriated Fund Balance <input type="checkbox"/> 4% Fund <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
Approved by OMB: <u>Aaron Pratt</u>	Approved by Finance/Accounts: _____ <i>LB</i>	Date to Finance Director's Office: _____
Approved by Div Grants Coordination: <u>Juanita Paulsen</u>	APPROVED BY	
	FINANCE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE: _____	

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: _____ E-mailed Clerk

All Dept. Signatures Copies Backing Legislative Summary Settlement Memo Clerk Letter Ready to File

GRANT SUMMARY SHEET

Grant Name: America FWD Technical Assistance 26-27

Department: MAYOR'S OFFICE

Grantor: AmericaFWD

**Pass-Through Grantor
(If applicable):**

Total Award this Action: \$0.00

Cash Match Amount \$0.00

Department Contact: Sabrina Sussman

Status: NEW

Program Description:

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Plan for continuation of services upon grant expiration:

Grants Tracking Form

Part One

Pre-Application <input type="radio"/>		Application <input type="radio"/>		Award Acceptance <input checked="" type="radio"/>		Contract Amendment <input type="radio"/>	
Department	Dept. No.	Contact		Phone	Fax		
MAYOR'S OFFICE	004	Sabrina Sussman					
Grant Name:		America FWD Technical Assistance 26-27					
Grantor:		AmericaFWD	Other:				
Grant Period From:		4/7/2026	<small>(applications only)</small> Anticipated Application Date:				
Grant Period To:		04/07/27	<small>(applications only)</small> Application Deadline:				
Funding Type:		OTHER	Multi-Department Grant <input type="checkbox"/> → If yes, list below.				
Pass-Thru:			Outside Consultant Project: <input type="checkbox"/>				
Award Type:		OTHER	Total Award: \$0.00				
Status:		NEW	Metro Cash Match: \$0.00				
Metro Category:		New Initiative	Metro In-Kind Match: \$0.00				
CFDA #		N/A	Is Council approval required? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
Project Description:		Applic. Submitted Electronically? <input type="checkbox"/>					
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Plan for continuation of service after expiration of grant/Budgetary Impact:					n/a		
How is Match Determined?							
Fixed Amount of \$		\$0.00	or	0.0%	% 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?		N/A	Fund		Business Unit		
Is not budgeted?		\$0.00	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:							

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	\$0.00	\$0.00
Yr 2	FY27			\$0.00				\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Yr 3	FY__									
Yr 4	FY__									
Yr 5	FY__									
Total		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Date Awarded:					Tot. Awarded: \$0.00	Contract#:				
(or) Date Denied:					Reason:					
(or) Date Withdrawn:					Reason:					

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

A resolution accepting an in-kind grant from AmericaFWD to the Metropolitan Government, acting by and through the Mayor’s Office Choose How You Move program, to receive dedicated technical assistance through the Project Delivery Accelerator Lab.

WHEREAS, AmericaFWD has awarded an in-kind grant with an estimated value not to exceed \$50,000.00 with no cash match required, to the Metropolitan Government, acting by and through the Mayor’s Office Choose How You Move program; and,

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

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

Section 1. That the in-kind grant by and between AmericaFWD, with an estimated value not to exceed \$50,000.00, and the Metropolitan Government, acting by and through the Mayor’s Office Choose How You Move program, to receive technical assistance and specialized expertise to navigate the complexities of project delivery, to strengthen capacity, and to accelerate projects from planning to construction, a copy of which in-kind grant is attached hereto and incorporated herein, is hereby approved.

Section 2. That the amount of this grant is to be appropriated to the Office of the Mayor, Choose How You Move program, based on revenues estimated to be received and any match to be applied.

Section 3. 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/adm
Jenneen Reed, Director
Department of Finance

INTRODUCED BY:

Member(s) of Council

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Olivia Walker-Chaffin
Assistant Metropolitan Attorney



March 3, 2026

Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davison County
700 2nd Avenue N
Nashville, TN 37210

To whom it may concern:

AmericaFWD requests that the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County Choose How You Move transportation program accepts an in-kind grant not to exceed \$50,000 from AmericaFWD to receive dedicated technical assistance through the Project Delivery Accelerator Lab, starting April 7, 2026 and ending April 7, 2027.

The purpose of the grant is to receive specialized expertise to navigate the complexities of project delivery, to strengthen capacity, and to accelerate projects from planning to construction. This grant requires no match or other obligation for the Metropolitan Government. No money will be sent to the Metropolitan Government. All technical assistance will be paid for directly by AmericaFWD.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christopher Coes", is located below the main text.

Christopher A. Coes
Executive Director
AmericaFWD



CHOOSE HOW YOU MOVE
Office of Mayor Freddie O'Connell

PRESS RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

AmericaFWD Selects Nashville's Choose How You Move Program for Inaugural Technical Assistance Award to Accelerate Local Delivery

January 15, 2026 – Nashville, TN: Today, AmericaFWD announced that Nashville is one of three locations in the United States selected to receive dedicated technical assistance through the Project Delivery Accelerator Lab (The Lab). The award will provide Nashville's voter-approved [Choose How You Move transportation program](#) with specialized expertise to move the project from funding to active construction, ensuring the community sees tangible improvements in connectivity and equity.

By providing direct expertise through The Lab, AmericaFWD helps local leaders navigate complex regulatory environments and accelerate construction on projects focused on reconnecting communities, improving transit, and fostering economic equity.

"AmericaFWD is helping us turn our Choose How You Move promise into progress," said **Nashville Mayor Freddie O'Connell**. "Their support will provide resources and expertise as we continue delivering on the transportation improvements our voters asked for. This is the kind of partnership that moves communities forward, and I'm pleased to be one of only three entities selected to receive this vital support."

Choose How You Move, the largest capital program in Nashville's history, is a \$3.1 billion initiative to install smart signals at nearly 600 intersections and build 54 miles of high-capacity transit with more frequent, reliable, and accessible service available 24/7/365. The initiative will include 86 miles of new sidewalks to connect neighborhoods to transit, while making critical safety improvements across 78 miles of the city's Vision Zero High-Injury Network.

“When Nashville voters approved the Choose How You Move transportation improvement program, they asked for safer streets, more sidewalks, smarter signals, and more reliable transit,” said **Sabrina Sussman, Choose How You Move Chief Program Officer**.

“AmericaFWD’s Project Delivery Accelerator Lab will provide the support we need to navigate the complexities of project delivery and strengthen our capacity as we move from planning to construction. We’re thankful for their investment in our community.”

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"Infrastructure is about more than concrete and steel. It is about affordability and shifting power back to the people who rely on these systems every day," said **AmericaFWD Executive Director Christopher Coes**. "We aim to demonstrate to the nation that accelerating the American Dream is achievable when leaders, community voices, and the private sector work together. Choose How You Move represents the future of American infrastructure: equitable, sustainable, and deeply rooted in the needs of residents and local businesses."

"The goal of AmericaFWD’s Project Delivery Accelerator Lab is to ensure that local leaders have the tools they need to actually get work done," said **Roger Millar, Director of the Project Delivery Accelerator Lab**. "By providing these technical assistance awards, we are clearing the path from funding to completion. We are rolling up our sleeves and helping communities bring their infrastructure projects to life."

Joining Choose How You Move as national awardees in AmericaFWD’s Project Delivery Accelerator Lab are:

- **Interstate 5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project, Portland, OR (Oregon Department of Transportation):** This project focuses on fixing Oregon’s top traffic bottleneck while healing the community fabric. In addition to highway safety upgrades and auxiliary lanes, the project will construct a highway cover to

reconnect the historic street grid with widened, well-lit sidewalks and bicycle facilities.

- **The Emerald Trail, Jacksonville, FL (Jacksonville Transportation Authority):** The Emerald Trail is a transformative 34-mile linear park system designed to reconnect urban neighborhoods long divided by Interstate 95. This phase, being delivered by the Jacksonville Transportation Authority, advances approximately 15 miles of off-street bicycle and pedestrian trails to improve access to jobs and essential services for economically distressed communities.

The selection of Choose How You Move marks a critical step in operationalizing [AmericaFWD's 2025 State of Play report](#), which identified community-led delivery as the key to national infrastructure success. By turning the report's high-level findings into on-the-ground results, AmericaFWD is providing a real-time roadmap for local leaders nationwide who are ready to move from funding to completion.

About AmericaFWD

AmericaFWD is a new national initiative with local DNA, realigning America's infrastructure investments with the lived realities of everyday people. Through five pillars of transportation, water, clean energy, housing, and wealth-building, AmericaFWD provides the playbooks and technical support necessary to turn policy into progress.

About Choose How You Move

Choose How You Move is Nashville's voter-approved transportation improvement program, supported by 66% of voters in 2024 and funded by a dedicated half-cent sales tax. As the largest capital program in Nashville's history, the \$3.1 billion initiative delivers critical upgrades across all of Davidson County: smart signals at nearly 600 intersections, 54 miles of high-capacity transit with 24/7/365 service, 86 miles of new sidewalks, and safety improvements across 78 miles of the Vision Zero High-Injury Network. Whether you walk, roll, ride, bike, or drive, Choose How You Move is building a Nashville that's safer and easier to get around. For more information, visit nashville.gov/transit.

**SIGNATURE PAGE
FOR
GRANT NO. AmericaFWD In-Kind Technical Assistance 26-27**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have by their duly authorized representatives set their signatures.

**METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF
NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY**



Department

3/5/2026 | 12:03 PM CST

Date

**APPROVED AS TO AVAILABILITY
OF FUNDS:**

Jennine Reed/adm

Director of Finance
Department of Finance

3/5/2026 | 9:39 AM PST

Date

APPROVED AS TO RISK AND INSURANCE:

Balogun Cobb

Director of Insurance

3/5/2026 | 12:05 PM CST

Date

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGALITY:**

Olivia Walker-Chaffin

Metropolitan Attorney

3/5/2026 | 11:44 AM CST

Date

FILED:

Metropolitan Clerk

Date