



recommended by the proposed Steering Committee; 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 \$10,000,000.00 from the Covid-19 American Rescue Plan Fund #30216 is hereby appropriated to establish a participatory budgeting fund.

Section 3. The Participatory Budgeting process will be documented in the minutes of the Steering Committee meetings and shared with the Covid-19 Financial Oversight Committee. Once projects are awarded, the expenditures are tracked through Metro Departments and updates will be provided to the Covid-19 Financial Oversight Committee.

Section 4. This resolution shall take effect from and after its final passage, the welfare of the public requiring it.

#### Analysis

This resolution appropriates \$10,000,000 in American Rescue Plan Act (“ARP”) funds from Fund #30216 to be allocated to neighborhood needs through a community-led participatory budgeting program.

This funding would be used for a citywide participatory budgeting process. A steering committee, selected by the Mayor’s Office from nominations from Councilmembers, would adapt the existing participatory budgeting guidelines. Residents will be able to submit ideas which will then be reviewed with the support of Metro staff, who will eliminate non-eligible items. A 35-item ballot will be created and residents 14 years old and older will be able to vote for which project they want funded.

*Fiscal Note: This \$10,000,000 appropriation, along with the appropriations per Resolutions No. RS2023-1948, RS2023-1949, RS2023-1952, and RS2023-1950 would be the 45<sup>th</sup>, 46<sup>th</sup>, 47<sup>th</sup>, 48<sup>th</sup>, and 49<sup>th</sup> resolutions appropriating from the American Recovery Plan Act (ARP) Fund for a cumulative total of \$251,791,030. 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. The grant award must be obligated by December 31, 2024 and expended by December 31, 2026.*