

WHEREAS, the Committee recognizes that the existing reserve has been substantially depleted with necessary expenses and needs to be increased to cover additional expenses; 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 \$1,000,000.00 from the Covid-19 American Rescue Plan Fund #30216 is hereby appropriated to increase the existing emergency response reserve.

Section 3. All charges to the fund will be reported to the COVID-19 Financial Oversight Committee at each monthly meeting.

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

Analysis

This resolution appropriates \$1,000,000 in American Rescue Plan Act (“ARPA”) funds from Fund #30216 to various Metro departments to increase Metro’s existing public emergency response reserve for vaccination and assessment centers, homeless emergency shelters, personal protective equipment, sanitation, signage, telework, and information technology. The Council adopted Resolution No. RS2021-1206 on November 2, 2021, which established a \$1,000,000 public emergency response reserve for this purpose. The reserve was expanded to include telework and information technology expenses pursuant to RS.2022-1558 on June 7, 2022.

The COVID-19 Financial Oversight Committee recommends adding an additional \$1,000,000 into this reserve to cover additional necessary expenses.