

WHEREAS, FUSE Corps will utilize the funds in addition to other philanthropic funding to provide three fellows to work under the initiative with the Metropolitan Government in the following areas - affordable housing, resilience for vulnerable populations, and afterschool programs combatting learning loss exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Committee considered and approved for recommendation the disbursement of \$15,000.00 to the Mayor's Office to allocate for incidental costs related to the placement and work of the fellows, including laptop computers and necessary technology; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Government wishes to enter into a grant contract with FUSE Corps to provide the funding match for the work of three fellows who will be placed with the Planning Department, the Mayor's Office/Office of Emergency Management, and the Nashville Public Libraries; 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 the grant contract between the Metropolitan Government and FUSE Corps appropriating \$135,000.00 from the American Rescue Plan Fund #30216 to provide the funding match for the work of three fellows who will be placed with the Planning Department, the Mayor's Office/Office of Emergency Management, and the Nashville Public Libraries, the form of which is attached hereto, is hereby approved.

Section 3. That \$15,000.00 for cost incidentals related to the placement of the fellows is hereby appropriated from the American Rescue Plan Fund #30216 to the Mayor's Office.

Section 6. This resolution shall take effect from and after its final passage, the welfare of the public requiring it.

Analysis

This resolution appropriates \$150,000 from the American Recovery Plan Act Fund, as recommended by the COVID-19 Financial Oversight Committee, for distribution to FUSE Corps and approves a grant contract to support fellowships as part of FUSE Corps' Equitable Recovery Initiative.

The resolution accepts the COVID-19 Financial Oversight Committee's recommendation to use \$135,000 in American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds to allow FUSE Corps to provide fellowships as part of its Equitable Recovery Initiative to create opportunities and reduce disparities for those who have been most impacted by the COVID-19 crisis and a long history of injustice. Three fellows would be placed in the Planning Department, the Mayor's Office/Office of Emergency Management, and the Nashville Public Libraries. Further, \$15,000 would be appropriated to the Mayor's Office for incidental costs related to the placement and work of the fellows, including laptop computers and necessary technology. The term of the associated grant contract is for 12 months, beginning November 2, 2021 and ending October 24, 2022.

Fiscal Note: This appropriation, along with the appropriations per Resolution No. RS2021-1204, Resolution

No. RS2021-1205, Resolution No. RS2021-1206 and Resolution No. RS2021-1207 would be the 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, and 9th resolutions appropriating from the American Recovery Plan Act (ARP) Fund for a cumulative total of \$19,427,996. The total grant award is \$259,810,600 and the first half of this amount was received in July 2021.