

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 \$75,000 from the Covid-19 American Rescue Plan Fund #30216 is hereby appropriated to VOAD to be used to administer the program described in Exhibit A.

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect from and after its final passage, the welfare of the public requiring it.

Analysis

This resolution appropriates \$75,000 in American Rescue Plan Act ("ARP") funds from Fund #30216 to the Nashville Voluntary Organization Active in Disasters ("VOAD") coalition for a pilot program to engage the community in emergency preparedness.

VOAD is a coalition of nonprofits, community organizations, faith-based institutions, and government departments who work together to ensure effective response to disasters. VOAD proposes using \$75,000 for a preparedness pilot. This includes risk assessment, planning, preparation, and evaluation. The program would bring speakers to members and nonmembers, expand the VOAD website to make the community more aware of available resources, provide training on specific topics related to disaster response, and host a preparedness council to include community leaders. The appropriation would fund the pilot program through June 30, 2024.

Fiscal Note: This \$75,000 appropriation, along with the appropriations per Resolution No. RS2023-1947, RS2023-1949, RS2023-1952, and RS2023-1950 would be the 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th, and 49th 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.