



Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County, TN

Legislation Text

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A resolution appropriating \$9,000,000 in American Rescue Plan Act funds from Fund #30216 to the Metro Homeless Impact Division of Metro Social Services to build capacity in Housing First case management services, including establishing Assertive Community Treatment teams.

WHEREAS, on June 15, 2021, the Metropolitan Council passed Resolution RS2021-966, a resolution which accepted grant funds for local government support from the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds established by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 ("ARP Funds") from the U.S. Department of the Treasury to The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, which was subsequently signed into law by Mayor John Cooper on June 16, 2021; and,

WHEREAS, Resolution RS2021-966 established a COVID-19 Financial Oversight Committee ("the Committee") whose role is to collect, consider, and recommend appropriate uses of the ARP Funds as designated by the Metropolitan Council disbursement plan. The Committee will submit its reports and recommendations to the Mayor, the Director of Finance, and the Metropolitan Council not later than June 30, 2025; and,

WHEREAS, there are federal requirements for use of ARP Funds that require that these funds be expended or obligated on or before December 31, 2024; and,

WHEREAS, the Committee recognizes the critical need for support services that will help individuals and families maintain supportive housing; and,

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Homeless Impact Division (MHID) of Metro Social Services leads the community in the Housing First administrative initiative, which is designed to provide case management support to those experiencing homelessness and to maintain housing opportunities, as described in Exhibit A; and,

WHEREAS, the Housing First initiative supports Assertive Community Treatment teams (ACT Teams). Service providers include a rehabilitation/recovery and addiction specialist, medical professionals, psychiatrist, therapist, supported employment options, social workers, and other social service specialists. These services are mobile and available 24/7 which can cost between \$6,000 to \$12,000 annually per client; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed funds will be administered by MHID through competitive grants in coordination with a non-profit healthcare partner; 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 \$ 9,000,000 from the Covid-19 American Rescue Plan Fund #30216 is hereby appropriated to Metro Social Services for the purposes outlined 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 \$9,000,000 in American Rescue Plan Act (“ARPA”) funds from Fund #30216 to the Metro Homeless Impact Division of Metro Social Services (“MHID”). MHID has proposed that the funding be used to support the Housing First administrative initiative, which is designed to provide case management support to those experiencing homelessness and to maintain housing opportunities.

The Housing First initiative supports Assertive Community Treatment Teams. Service providers include a rehabilitation/recovery and addiction specialist, medical professionals, psychiatrist, therapist, supported employment options, social workers, and other social service specialists. These services are mobile and available 24/7, which can cost between \$6,000 to \$12,000 annually per client. MHID would administer these funds through competitive grants in coordination with a nonprofit healthcare partner.

The COVID-19 Financial Oversight Committee has recommended this request be funded through ARPA funds.

Fiscal Note: This \$9,000,000 appropriation, along with the appropriations per Resolution No. RS2022-1696, Resolution No. RS2022-1698, and Resolution No. RS2022-1699 would be the 27th, 28th, 29th and 30th resolutions appropriating from the American Recovery Plan Act (ARP) Fund for a cumulative total of \$160,508,686. 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.