



Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County, TN

Legislation Text

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A resolution approving an application for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant from the U. S. Department of Justice to the Metropolitan Government, acting by and through the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department, for specialized training and equipment to ensure personnel maintain needed certifications for criminal investigation and crime reduction initiatives.

WHEREAS, the U. S. Department of Justice is accepting applications for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant with an award of \$594,876 with no cash match required; and,

WHEREAS, The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County is eligible to participate in this grant program; and,

WHEREAS, it is to the benefit of the citizens of The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County that this grant application be approved and submitted.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY:

Section 1. That the Metropolitan Government's application for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant with an award of \$594,876, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein, is hereby approved, and the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department is authorized to submit said application to the U. S. Department of Justice.

Section 2. That this resolution shall take effect from and after its adoption, the welfare of The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County requiring it.

Analysis

This resolution permits the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department ("MNPDP") to apply for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant with the U.S. Department of Justice. The grant application is for an award of \$594,876 with no required cash match. The funding for this grant would be used for technology upgrades, supplies for direct support to basic police, in-service and specialized training.

MNPDP intends to use funding from this grant to conduct mandatory training to allow personnel to maintain necessary certifications for criminal investigations and crime reduction initiatives. Grant funding would also be used to purchase equipment, such as: exercise equipment for Hermitage, West, and Midtown Precincts, replacement night vision goggles, stinger spike systems, computer forensics equipment, water-filled barriers for special events, pole cameras for surveillance, breaching kits for search warrants, and shelving for MNPDP property and evidence.

The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant is a routine grant for which MNPDP applies annually.