



Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County, TN

Legislation Text

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A resolution accepting a Federal Financial Assistance Award of Domestic Grant from the United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Services to The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, acting by and through the Metropolitan Nashville Water and Sewerage Services Department, to help replant Nashville's diminishing tree canopy and retain all the benefits it provides.

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Services has awarded a Federal Financial Assistance Award of Domestic Grants in an amount of \$539,000.00, with no required cash match, to help replant Nashville's diminishing tree canopy and retain all the benefits it provides; and,

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the citizens of The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County that this grant be accepted.

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

Section 1. That the grant by and between the United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Services, in an amount of \$539,000.00, to the Metropolitan Government, acting by and through the Metropolitan Department of Water and Sewerage Services, to help replant Nashville's diminishing tree canopy and retain all the benefits it provides, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein, is hereby approved and accepted.

Section 2. That the amount of this grant is to be appropriated to the Metropolitan Department of Water and Sewerage Services based on the revenues estimated to be received and any match to be applied.

Section 3. That this resolution shall take effect from and after its final passage, the welfare of The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County requiring it.

Analysis

This resolution accepts a Federal Financial Assistance Award of Domestic Grant from the United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Services, to the Metropolitan Nashville Water and Sewerage Services Department in the amount of \$539,000 with no cash match required. This grant will assist with the replant of Nashville's diminishing tree canopy and will be contracted to Metro's non-profit partners for tree planting on private property. The term of the grant begins on July 1, 2023, and ends on September 30, 2026.

This grant assists with the goals of Chapter 5.11 of the Metropolitan Code of Laws, which created a mechanism for providing funds for restoring and maintaining the tree canopy in Nashville and Davidson County. The Council previously appropriated \$2,500,000 to the Cumberland River Compact ("CRC") to provide tree canopy restoration and maintenance pursuant to Resolution No. RS2022-1599. CRC has also approved subgrants to other nonprofits including Trevecca, Progress, Inc., the Nashville Tree Conservation Corps, Green Interchange, the Nashville Tree Foundation, the Native American Indian Association, and the Historic Germantown Neighborhood Association.