



Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County, TN

Legislation Text

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A resolution accepting a DNA Capacity Enhancement and Backlog Reduction (CEBR) Program grant from the U. S. Department of Justice to The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, acting by and through the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department, to increase the capacity of publicly funded forensic DNA and DNA database laboratories.

Whereas, the U. S. Department of Justice has awarded a DNA Capacity Enhancement and Backlog Reduction (CEBR) Program grant in an amount not to exceed \$230,869.00 with a required cash match of \$19,125.00 to The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, acting by and through the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department, to increase the capacity of publicly funded forensic DNA and DNA database laboratories; and,

Whereas, it is to the benefit 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 DNA Capacity Enhancement and Backlog Reduction (CEBR) Program grant by and between the U. S. Department of Justice, in an amount not to exceed \$230,869.00, to The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, acting by and through the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department, to increase the capacity of publicly funded forensic DNA and DNA database laboratories, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein, is hereby approved, and the Metropolitan Mayor is authorized to execute the same.

Section 2. That the amount of this grant is to be appropriated to the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department 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 adoption, the welfare of The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County requiring it.

Analysis

This resolution accepts a DNA Capacity Enhancement and Backlog Reduction (CEBR) Program grant from the U.S. Department of Justice to the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department to increase the capacity of publicly funded forensic DNA and DNA database laboratories. The purpose of this federal grant program is to assist state and local crime labs with processing more DNA samples to reduce the backlog of samples awaiting analysis.

The MNPB Forensic Biology Unit will use the funds to outsource the forensic analysis of sexual assault kits to private labs. The grant is an amount not to exceed \$230,869 with a required local cash match of \$19,125. The local match will be provided out of the existing MNPB operating budget. The grant term is from October 1, 2020 until September 30, 2022.