



# Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County, TN

## Legislation Text

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A resolution appropriating \$2.5 million dollars in American Rescue Plan Act funds from Fund #30216 to Fifty Forward to build the Bordeaux Connection Center, a shared community space in Bordeaux with primary tenants Fifty Forward and Creative Girls Rock.

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 need of the proposed program services and the importance of having a community center in Bordeaux; and,

WHEREAS, the Bordeaux Connection Center will focus on creating community, welcoming intergenerational programming, providing volunteer opportunities, and will seek to provide help and support for all those in the Bordeaux area; and,

WHEREAS, Fifty Forward and Creative Girls Rock both have relationships with several agencies and programs within the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County; and,

WHEREAS, those agencies have a desire to connect with the residents and families in Bordeaux and have been offered space within the Bordeaux Connection Center; 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 \$2.5 million dollars from the Covid-19 American Rescue Plan Fund #30216 is hereby appropriated to Fifty Forward to build the Bordeaux Connection Center, a shared community space in Bordeaux with primary tenants Fifty Forward and Creative Girls Rock, as further described in Exhibit A.

Section 3. Quarterly reporting from Fifty Forward to the COVID-19 Oversight Committee is required. The required information includes but is not limited to the following:

- a. Accounting of all grant funds, including identification of grant fund recipients
- b. Use of funds and balance of funds remaining from the \$2.5 million dollars allocation

Section 4. This resolution shall take effect from and after its final passage, the welfare of the public requiring it.

#### Analysis

This resolution appropriates \$2,500,000 in American Rescue Plan Act ("ARP") funds from Fund #30216 to be allocated Fifty Forward to build the Bordeaux Connection Center.

Fifty Forward currently owns a .92 acre parcel at 3315 John Mallette Drive. Fifty Forward intends to raze its current 1,800 square foot senior center in order to build a new center. The new center will house the Fifty Forward Bordeaux Senior Center and Creative Girls Rock. The new center will also provide adult day service for older adults with cognitive, memory, health, or physical needs, after-school creative arts programing, partner or shared offices, and over 1,500 square feet of community space, including a kitchen. The building will be approximately 9,800 square feet in total and will cost an estimated \$5.3 million to build.

Fifty Forward will be required to report quarterly to the COVID-19 Oversight Committee. The required information includes, but is not limited to, accounting of all grant funds, including identification of grant fund recipients, and the use of funds and balance of fund remaining from the original allocation.

*Fiscal Note: This \$2,500,000 appropriation, along with the appropriations per Resolutions No. RS2023-2143, RS2023-2144 and RS2023-2145 would be the 50<sup>th</sup>, 51<sup>st</sup>, 52<sup>nd</sup> and 53<sup>rd</sup> resolutions appropriating from the American Recovery Plan Act (ARP) Fund for a cumulative total of \$255,784,599. 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.*