



Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County, TN

Legislation Text

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A resolution appropriating a total of \$1,500,000 from the COVID-19 Pandemic Fund No. 30009 to Jefferson Street United Merchants Partnership and Street Works for COVID-19-related community outreach, testing, and care.

WHEREAS, Resolution No. RS2020-318, as amended, approved and accepted a local government Coronavirus relief fund grant by and between the U.S. Department of the Treasury to The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, acting by and through the Metropolitan Nashville Finance Department, in an amount not to exceed \$121,122,775.00, to respond to the public health emergency caused by the Coronavirus pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. RS2020-318, as amended, requires approval by resolution of a plan for disbursement of Coronavirus Relief Fund ("CRF") grant funds; and

WHEREAS, Section 5.04.070 of the Metropolitan Code of Laws provides that the Council may, by Resolution, appropriate funds for the financial aid of nonprofit organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Council has determined that the appropriation of \$1,500,000 of the CRF grant funds to Jefferson Street United Merchants Partnership and Street Works for COVID-19-related community outreach, testing, care, and outreach, including but not limited to work done in conjunction with other organizations and institutions such as Nashville General Hospital, is necessary in order to respond to the public health emergency caused by the Coronavirus pandemic; and

WHEREAS, it is to the benefit of the residents of The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County that these funds be appropriated to Jefferson Street United Merchants Partnership and Street Works for the purposes stated herein.

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

Section 1. There is hereby appropriated \$1,500,000 from the COVID-19 Pandemic Fund No. 30009 to fund grants to two nonprofit organizations as follows:

\$750,000 to Jefferson Street United Merchants Partnership for community outreach for those impacted by the COVID-19 Pandemic.

\$750,000 to Street Works for community outreach, testing, and care for those impacted by the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Section 2. The appropriations to the nonprofit organizations listed in Section 1 are hereby designated as part of the plan for disbursement of CRF grant funds required by Resolution No. RS2020-318.

Section 3. The Metropolitan Government is hereby authorized to enter into grant contracts with each of the nonprofit organizations listed in Section 1 above for the amount provided herein for the purposes stated. Such contracts shall specify the terms and conditions under which the grant funds are to be spent.

Section 4. That this Resolution shall take effect from and after its adoption, the welfare of The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County requiring it.

This resolution appropriates a total of \$1,500,000 from the COVID-19 Pandemic Fund to two organizations - Jefferson Street United Merchants Partnership (JUMP) and Street Works, for COVID-19-related community outreach, testing, and care.

The Council approved and accepted a Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) grant from the U.S. Department of the Treasury in

an amount not to exceed \$121,122,775 via Resolution No. RS2020-318, as amended.

The resolution would appropriate \$750,000 of the CRF funds to JUMP for community outreach for those impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and \$750,000 of the CRF funds to Street Works for community outreach, testing, and care for those impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The resolution specifies that the appropriations to the nonprofit organizations listed in Section 1 are hereby designated as part of the plan for disbursement of CRF grant funds required by Resolution No. RS2020-318.

Resolution No. RS2020-318, as amended, which was approved by the Council on May 19, 2020, requires approval by resolution of a plan for disbursement of CRF grant funds. As a result of this requirement, the budget ordinance for Fiscal Year 2021 (Substitute Ordinance No. BL2020-286) established a COVID-19 Financial oversight Committee ("the Committee"). The Committee includes six members appointed by the Mayor, and three councilmembers appointed by the Vice Mayor. The purpose of the Committee is to "collect, consider, and recommend appropriate uses of all federal and state funds provided to the Metropolitan Government specifically for COVID-19 relief and recovery, including but not limited to, federal CARES Act funds."

The Council has appropriated a total of \$94,300,000 thus far through the Committee process. The appropriations included in this resolution have not received a recommendation from the Committee.