



Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County, TN

Legislation Text

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A resolution appropriating a total of \$436,400 from the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, acting by and through the Office of Homeless Services, to Safe Haven Family Shelter for the provision of hotel rooms across the Nashville area for emergency alternative shelter for families with minor children.

WHEREAS, Section 7-3-314 of the Tennessee Code Annotated states that metropolitan forms of government may provide financial assistance to nonprofit organizations in accordance with the guidelines of the Metropolitan Government; 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, Safe Haven Family Shelter has utilized hotels in the Nashville community since 2020 as an alternative shelter space for families experiencing homelessness; and,

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, acting by and through the Office of Homeless Services, wishes to appropriate funding and contract with Safe Haven Family Shelter for the provision of hotel rooms across the Nashville area for emergency alternative shelter for families with minor children; and,

WHEREAS, it is to the benefit of the citizens of The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County that these funds be appropriated to these nonprofit organizations.

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

Section 1. There is hereby appropriated Four Hundred Thirty-Six Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$436,400) from the Office of Homeless Services to Safe Haven Family Shelter for the provision of hotel rooms across the Nashville area for emergency alternative shelter for families with minor children.

Section 2. The Metropolitan Government is hereby authorized to enter into a grant contract, attached hereto and incorporated herein, for the amount provided herein and the purposes stated. Such contract shall specify the terms and conditions under which the grant funds are to be spent.

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 appropriates a total of \$436,400 from the Office of Homeless Services to Safe Haven Family Shelter for the provision of hotel rooms across the Nashville area for emergency alternative shelter for families with minor children.

Pursuant to the grant agreement, Safe Haven Family Shelter will provide alternative hotel shelter rooms for 80 families over a 12 month period. The grant amount is based upon services for 80 families for 90 days, which is the average length of time from hotel shelter entry to housing date, with a cost of \$55 per night. The grant amount also includes funding for supplies and groceries. The term of this grant begins on May 8, 2024, and

extends for 12 months.