



Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County, TN

Legislation Text

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A resolution approving a grant contract between the Metropolitan Government, acting by and through the Metropolitan Board of Health, and the Mental Health Cooperative to provide expertise and staff in emergency behavioral health care to support the Nashville Fire Department co-response model, also known as Responders Engaged and Committed to Help (REACH).

WHEREAS, Metropolitan Charter Section 10.104 provides that the Board of Health has the duty to contract for such services as will further the program and policies of the board, subject to confirmation by Resolution of Council; and,

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Government, acting by and through the Metropolitan Board of Health, wishes to contract with the Mental Health Cooperative to provide expertise and staff in emergency behavioral health care to support the Nashville Fire Department co-response model, also known as Responders Engaged and Committed to Help (REACH); and,

WHEREAS, it is to the benefit of the citizens of The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County that this grant contract be approved.

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

Section 1. That the grant contract by and between the Mental Health Cooperative and the Metropolitan Government, acting by and through the Metropolitan Board of Health, to provide expertise and staff in emergency behavioral health care to support the Nashville Fire Department co-response model, also known as Responders Engaged and Committed to Help (REACH), is hereby approved.

Section 2. 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 approves an agreement between the Metropolitan Board of Health and the Mental Health Cooperative ("MHC") to provide expertise and staff in emergency behavioral health care to support the Nashville Fire Department co-response model, also known as Responders Engaged and Committed to Help ("REACH").

Pursuant to the terms of the grant, the Metropolitan Board of Health will provide MHC up to \$202,600 to be used for the following outcomes:

- Preparation of master's level clinicians for mental health crisis response and assessing to specific fire details throughout the county for the purpose of fulfilling the charge and work of REACH.
- Coordination with Metro departments and stakeholder organizations to ensure regular and timely data sharing.
- Provision of regular reporting to the Metropolitan Department of Public Health, the Nashville Fire Department, the Mayor's Office and stakeholders through a process and schedule acceptable to both

parties.

The term of the agreement begins on the date the contract is approved and filed with the Metropolitan Clerk and ends on June 30, 2024. However, MHC is allowed to submit invoices and be paid for services rendered beginning July 1, 2023.

Fiscal Note: Metro would pay \$202,600 to Mental Health Cooperative to provide expertise and staff in emergency behavioral health care to support the Nashville Fire Department co-response model, Responders Engaged and Committed to Help.