



# Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County, TN

## Legislation Text

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A resolution appropriating a total of \$355,200 from the Metropolitan Government, acting by and through the Metropolitan Board of Health, to Neighborhood Health, Inc. and approving a grant contract by and between the Metropolitan Government, acting by and through the Metropolitan Board of Health, and Neighborhood Health, Inc. to provide homeless individuals with medical and dental services at two or more clinics in or near downtown Nashville.

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, 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 of Nashville and Davidson County, acting by and through the Metropolitan Board of Health, wishes to appropriate funding and contract with Neighborhood Health, Inc. to provide homeless individuals with medical and dental services at two or more clinics in or near downtown Nashville; and,

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

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

Section 1. There is hereby appropriated Three Hundred Fifty-Five Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$355,200) from the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, acting by and through the Metropolitan Board of Health, to Neighborhood Health, Inc. for the purposes herein stated.

Section 2. The Metropolitan Government is hereby authorized to enter into a grant contract, attached hereto and incorporated herein, with Neighborhood Health, Inc. 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 \$355,200 from the Metropolitan Board of Health to Neighborhood Health, Inc., to provide medical and dental services for the unhoused. The funding would support at least two clinics in or

around downtown Nashville.

Metro has had such a contract since 2005 to provide a portion of the medical services, including examinations, diagnosis, and treatment of medical conditions of homeless persons seen at the downtown clinic. Neighborhood Health is to provide primary medical services to at least 3,500 individuals, which is to include a 24-hour on-call system for emergencies. This contract also includes the provision of dental care for at least 500 patient visits and mental health services to at least 600 homeless clients. Neighborhood Health will also be responsible for making transportation available to its homeless patients. The term of this agreement begins July 1, 2023, and ends June 30, 2024.

*Fiscal Note: Metro would pay \$355,200 to Neighborhood Health, Inc., to provide homeless individuals with medical and dental services at two or more clinics in or near downtown Nashville.*