



# Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County, TN

## Legislation Text

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A resolution approving an application for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant from the U. S. Department of Justice to the Metropolitan Government, acting by and through the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department, for specialized training and equipment to ensure personnel maintain needed certifications for criminal investigation and crime reduction initiatives.

WHEREAS, the U. S. Department of Justice is accepting applications for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant with an award of \$546,989.00 with no cash match required; and,

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County is eligible to participate in this grant program; and,

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

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

Section 1. That the Metropolitan Government's application for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant with an award of \$546,989.00, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein, is hereby approved, and the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department is authorized to submit said application to the United States Department of Justice.

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 application for an Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant from the U.S. Department of Justice to the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department ("MNPD"). If the grant application is awarded, the grant award would be \$546,989 with no required local cash match. The grant proceeds would be used for specialized training and equipment to ensure personnel maintain needed certifications for criminal investigation and crime reduction initiatives.

Specifically, MNPD is requesting \$178,338 to enable personnel to attend various conferences including the MCCA Financial Manager's Conference, Crime Against Children Conference, certification and recertification training for CVSA, International Association of Chiefs of Police conferences, computer forensics trainings, CALEA Conference, training for K-9 and SWAT integration and more. MNPD is also requesting \$319,183 for equipment for the Training Academy, digital voice recorders for detectives in the domestic violence division, scanners for Human Resources and Recruitment Unit, night vision equipment, utility trailer for moving supplies and community outreach events, portable aviation trade fuel trailer, night vision goggles to replace equipment for SWAT, and also for the purchase of storage devices and computer equipment for computer forensic investigations. Finally, MNPD is requesting \$5,780 in supplies for the Stinger Spike systems to help reduce the length and safety concerns of vehicular pursuits.

If awarded, the grant period would be October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2025. The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant is a routine grant applied for by MNPB on an annual basis.