



Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County, TN

Legislation Text

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A resolution approving an application for a Justice for Families grant from the U. S. Department of Justice to the Metropolitan Government, acting by and through the Office of Family Safety, to improve the response of the civil and criminal justice systems for underserved communities while providing resources and training to court-based personnel.

WHEREAS, the U. S. Department of Justice is accepting applications for a Justice for Families grant with an award of \$599,975.00 with no cash match required; and,

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Government 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.

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

Section 1. That the application for a Justice for Families grant with an award of \$599,975.00, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein, is hereby approved, and the Metropolitan Nashville Office of Family Safety is authorized to submit said grant application to the U. S. 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 a Justice for Families grant from the U.S. Department of Justice to the Office of Family Safety. If the grant is awarded, the award will be \$599,975 with no local cash match required. The grant would be used to improve the response of the civil and criminal justice system to families with a history of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, or in cases involving allegations of child sexual abuse. The application focuses on improving the capacities of courts and communities to respond to families affected by the targeted crimes, including by providing court-based and court-related programs and training for people who work with families in the court system.