



# Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County, TN

## Legislation Text

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A resolution approving a grant contract between the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, acting by and through the Metropolitan Board of Health, and Why We Can't Wait, Inc., for the provision of violence interruption services.

WHEREAS, Section 7-3-314 of the Tennessee Code Annotated states that metropolitan forms of government may provide financial assistance to nonprofit organizations; 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, the Community Safety Partnership Fund Advisory Board has recommended that \$750,000 be distributed to Why We Can't Wait, Inc., to be used to deliver a public health approach to reducing violent crime in the area of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County; and,

WHEREAS, the grant to Why We Can't Wait, Inc., will be utilized to provide best practices based violence interruption services, in collaboration with the Metropolitan Public Health Department, under the training and methodology of a nationally recognized violence interruption organization; and,

WHEREAS, it is to the benefit of the citizens of The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County that the grant contract between the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, acting by and through the Metropolitan Board of Health, and Why We Can't Wait, Inc., be approved.

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

Section 1. That there is hereby appropriated \$750,000 from Fund No. 30216 to fund a grant to Why We Can't Wait, Inc., to be used to provide violence interruption services.

Section 2. That the grant contract between the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, acting by and through the Metropolitan Board of Health, and Why We Can't Wait, Inc., for the provision of violence interruption services, attached hereto and incorporated herein, is hereby approved.

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

The resolution approves a grant contract between the Metropolitan Board of Health and Why We Can't Wait, Inc., for the provision of violence interruption services.

The Community Safety Partnership Fund Advisory Board has recommended \$750,000 to be distributed to Why We Can't Wait, Inc. to be used to deliver a public health approach to reducing violence crime in Nashville and Davidson County. This grant will be used to provide best practices based violence interruption services in collaboration with the Metro Public Health Department. Why We Can't Wait will use these funds to assist with the Cure Violence Model using the following approaches:

- Detecting and interrupting potentially violent conflicts
- Identifying and helping highest risk individuals
- Community mobilization/change behavior norms
- Continual data collection and modeling

The term of the grant contract begins August 1, 2023 and ends on July 31, 2025. Metro will pay to Why We Can't Wait \$750,000 for the performance of this contract.