



Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County, TN

Legislation Text

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A resolution appropriating a total of \$200,000 from the COVID-19 Pandemic Fund No. 30099 to various nonprofit organizations selected to receive Community Partnership Fund grants.

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 Metropolitan Council may, by Resolution, appropriate funds for the financial aid of nonprofit organizations; and,

WHEREAS, Resolution RS 2020-394 previously appropriated funds for the support of various agencies and non-profit organizations providing direct services to members of the community negatively impacted by COVID-19; and,

WHEREAS, Resolution 2020-394 provided that funds shall be disbursed in accordance with the requirements of section 7-3-314 of the Tennessee Code Annotated and all related grant contracts shall be approved by resolution of the Metropolitan Council, including \$200,000 for the Juvenile Court; and,

WHEREAS, there are federal requirements for use of CARES Act funds which require that these funds be used or distributed on or before December 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Juvenile Court has accepted applications from nonprofit organizations to receive Community Partnership Fund grants; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor has accepted the recommendations of the Juvenile Court that \$200,000 in Community Partnership Fund grants should be disbursed to specific nonprofit organizations; and,

WHEREAS, the nonprofit organizations named below have experienced an increased demand in their services during the pandemic; and,

WHEREAS, it is to the benefit of the citizens of The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County that these funds be appropriated to these nonprofit organizations.

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

Section 1. There is hereby appropriated \$200,000 from the COVID-19 Pandemic Fund No. 30099 to fund grants to five nonprofit organizations as follows:

- a) \$5,000 to Be About Change, for the *Chef to Table* program, which will work directly with Nashville-area families that have experienced COVID-19-related adversity; and,

- b) \$5,000 to Epic Girl, for COVID relief services to mitigate the negative emotional response of the COVID 19 pandemic in adolescent females ages 12-19, who have a history of trauma and Juvenile Court engagement, by providing abuse and exploitation screening, case management, and programming services; and,
- c) \$76,549.50 to The Find Design, for the provision of the *F.L.Y. Girl* program for mentoring, and mental and behavioral health services, to young girls of color who are at risk or are a vulnerable population, experiencing mental health and added stressors due to COVID; and,
- d) \$76,549.50 to Meharry Medical College, RWJF Center for Health Policy, for “Operation Uplift” COVID relief services in the form of supplies, economic relief, and mental health resources to support the *Choosing How I Need Life (CHILL)* program for youth and families; and,
- e) \$36,901 to STARS Nashville, for mental health support services to Metro Nashville Public Schools (MNPS) youth experiencing mental health and alcohol and drug use/abuse during the pandemic, including telehealth support case management services for youth attending Recovery Court, a program managed by Juvenile Court.

Section 2. The Metropolitan Government is hereby authorized to enter into grant contracts, attached hereto and incorporated herein, with the nonprofit organizations listed in Section 1 above for the amounts provided herein and the purposes stated. Such contract shall specify the terms and conditions under which the grant funds are to be spent, including that all expenditures shall be in accordance with the financial requirements of the federal CARES Act.

Section 3. This Resolution shall take effect from and after its adoption, the welfare of The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County requiring it.

This resolution appropriates \$200,000 in federal CARES Act grant funds to five nonprofit organizations providing services to youth. Resolution No. RS2020-394 allocated \$2,800,000 in CARES Act funds for the support of various nonprofit agencies providing services to members of the community, including \$200,000 to the Juvenile Court for future appropriation to agencies providing services to youth related to COVID-19. The Juvenile Court solicited applications from nonprofit organizations for the use of these funds. This resolution appropriates this \$200,000 as follows, as recommended by the Juvenile Court:

- \$5,000 to Be About Change, for the *Chef to Table* program
- \$5,000 to Epic Girl to mitigate the negative emotional response of the COVID-19 pandemic in adolescent females ages 12-19 who have a history of trauma and Juvenile Court engagement, by providing abuse and exploitation screening, case management, and programming services
- \$76,549.50 to The Find Design, for the provision of the *F.L.Y. Girl* program for mentoring, and mental and behavioral health services to young girls of color who are at risk or are a vulnerable population, experiencing mental health and added stressors due to COVID-19
- \$76,549.50 to Meharry Medical College, RWJF Center for Health Policy, for “Operation Uplift” COVID

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This resolution also authorizes Metro to enter into grant contracts with each of these agencies detailing the terms and conditions under which the grant funds are to be spent, including that all expenditures shall be in accordance with the financial requirements of the federal CARES Act.

Fiscal Note: The Council has appropriated a total of \$93,800,000 thus far through the Committee process. The total unallocated is \$24,822,575. This resolution does not appropriate any new funds from the CARES Act Fund.