



Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County, TN

Legislation Text

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A resolution appropriating \$250,000 through a grant contract by and between The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, acting by and through the Nashville Public Library, and Oasis Center, Inc. to provide college access services for the Opportunity Now Program.

WHEREAS, The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, acting by and through the Nashville Public Library, and Oasis Center, Inc., wish to enter into a grant contract whereby Oasis Center, Inc. would provide college access services for the Opportunity Now Program; and,

WHEREAS, Section 7-3-314 of the Tennessee Code Annotated states that metropolitan forms of government may provide financial assistance to nonprofit organization 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, it is to the benefit of the citizens of The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County that this grant contract be approved.

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

Section 1. That the grant contract by and between The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, acting by and through the Nashville Public Library, and Oasis Center, Inc., appropriating \$250,000 to provide college access services for the Opportunity Now Program, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein, is hereby approved.

Section 2. That this resolution shall take effect from and after its passage, the welfare of The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County requiring it.

Analysis

This resolution approves the appropriation of \$250,000 from the Nashville Public Library to Oasis Center, Inc. to provide college access services for the Opportunity Now Program. State law authorizes metropolitan governments to provide financial assistance to nonprofit organizations. The Oasis Center, Inc. will use the funds to provide ongoing support to high school students who participated in Metro's Opportunity Now Program, including meetings with designated staff members, development of a college plan, ongoing monitoring of the student's goals, and assistance with the college application process, and other support.

The grant funds provided by Metro would be combined with \$240,145 from other funding sources for a total

spending plan of \$490,145. The grant term would be twelve months, beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021.