



Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County, TN

Legislation Text

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A resolution appropriating a total of \$200,000 from the Nashville Public Library, and \$183,000 from Social Services 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 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 Public Library, and \$183,000 for Social Services; 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, Social Services and the Public Library have accepted applications from nonprofit organizations to receive Community Partnership Fund grants; and,

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

WHEREAS, the Mayor has accepted the recommendations of Social Services that \$183,000 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 Two Hundred Thousand dollars (\$200,000) from the Public Library to nonprofit organizations as follows:

- a) \$23,446 to Begin Anew to provide virtual, hybrid, or return to in-person learning for High School Equivalency, English Language Learner, computer training and job skills training; and,
- b) \$20,000 to Book'em to provide 10,000 books for ownership, plus additional information and resources related to Nashville Public Library and early childhood literacy, to youth ages 0-10 living in Davidson County, whose families are economically challenged and have been the hardest hit by this COVID-19 pandemic; and,
- c) \$20,000 to Bridges for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing to expand their virtual spaces, particularly as they allow recipient to reach students in outlying and more rural areas; and,
- d) \$23,445 to Catholic Charities of Tennessee, for the Super Supporter Program, which will assist refugee and immigrant families in connecting to programs to meet their basic needs, ensure that they have access to the necessary technology for virtual school, connect the families and schools, meet virtually with families weekly, and offer student and caregiver support groups; and,
- e) \$23,445 to Communities in Schools of Tennessee to provide intensive case management and provide emergency assistance to students and their families in ten Nashville Title I elementary schools; and,
- f) \$20,000 to East Nashville Hope Exchange to provide high-quality remote learning services and resources for disadvantaged families to stop the extended summer learning slide due to COVID-19; and,
- g) \$23,446 to Nashville Public Library Foundation to promote reading skills, artistic exploration, and critical-thinking in a whole-child approach to literacy education; and,
- h) \$23,446 to Preston Taylor Ministries to provide enhanced, consistent, in-person expert reading instruction for 100, K-4th grade students through an in-person afterschool program to increase these students' reading fluency and help get them back on track; and,

- i) \$22,772 to Project Transformation to provide high-quality, relational support to children that engage them in both literacy and social emotional development so that they might thrive despite the COVID-19 pandemic.

Section 2. There is hereby appropriated One Hundred Eighty-Three Thousand dollars (\$183,000) from Social Services to nonprofit organizations as follows:

- a) \$49,000 to Interfaith Dental Clinic of Nashville to support nonprofit agencies adversely affected by the Covid pandemic.
- b) \$45,500 to NeedLink Nashville Inc., to support nonprofit agencies adversely affected by the Covid pandemic.
- c) \$32,000 to Operation Stand Down Tennessee, Inc. to support nonprofit agencies adversely affected by the Covid pandemic.
- d) \$42,000 to Rebuilding Together Nashville to support nonprofit agencies adversely affected by the Covid pandemic.
- e) \$4,500 to Turnip Green Creative Reuse to support nonprofit agencies adversely affected by the Covid pandemic.
- f) \$10,000 to Westminster Home Connection to support nonprofit agencies adversely affected by the Covid pandemic.

Section 3. The Metropolitan Government is hereby authorized to enter into grant contracts, attached hereto and incorporated herein, with the nonprofit organizations listed in Sections 1 and 2 above for the amounts provided herein and the purposes stated. Such contracts 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 4. That this Resolution shall take effect from and after its adoption, the welfare of The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County requiring it.