



# Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County, TN

## Legislation Text

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A resolution authorizing the Metropolitan Mayor to submit the Nashville-Davidson CARES Act Substantial Amendment 2 to the 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan to the 2018-2023 Consolidated Plan for Housing and Community Development to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

WHEREAS, The Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act Public Law 116-136 signed on March 27, 2020, authorized a special allocation of funding for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-CV) and other programs to be used to respond to the Coronavirus outbreak; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution R94-1326, the Metropolitan Council designated the Metropolitan Development and Housing Agency ("MDHA") as the lead agency responsible for the preparation of the Five Year Consolidated Plan for Housing and Community Development for The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County; and

WHEREAS, Metro Nashville-Davidson County received notification on September 11, 2020 that we would receive \$5,940,972 in CDBG-CV dollars from round three (3) of CARES Act funds to prevent, prepare for and respond to the Coronavirus outbreak in Metro Nashville-Davidson County; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with HUD guidance, MDHA has prepared the Nashville-Davidson CARES Act Substantial Amendment 2 to the 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan of 2018-2023 Consolidated Plan for Housing and Community Development to allocate the round (3) CDBG-CV funds to eligible activities to be used to mitigate the impacts of the Coronavirus; and

WHEREAS, this Nashville-Davidson CARES Act Substantial Amendment 2 has been prepared by MDHA in accordance with CARES Act regulations regarding citizen participation and in consultation with a variety of public and private agencies and concerned individuals; and

WHEREAS, the public comment period for the Nashville-Davidson CARES Act Substantial Amendment 2 to the 2019-2020 of the 2018-2023 Consolidated Plan began on December 18 and concluded on December 30, 2020, and a virtual public hearing was held during the public comment period on December 22, 2020; and

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

Section 1. The Metropolitan Council adopts the Nashville-Davidson CARES Act Substantial Amendment 2 to the 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan of the 2018-2023 Consolidated Plan for Housing and Community Development, attached hereto and made part of this Resolution, and that the Metropolitan Mayor is authorized to submit the Substantial Amendment 2 and Annual Update to HUD; and

Section 2. That the Nashville-Davidson CARES Act Substantial Amendment 2 to the 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan of the 2018-2023 Consolidated Plan for Housing and Community Development, describes the use of round three (3) of CDBG-CV CARES Act funds to be used prevent, prepare for and respond to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) , is attached hereto and made a part of this Resolution.

Section 3. That the Metropolitan Development and Housing Agency is authorized to administer the

Consolidated Plan on behalf of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County; and.

Section 4. 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 CARES Act Substantial Amendment 2 to the 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan of the 2018-2023 Consolidated Plan for Housing and Community Development, and authorizes the Mayor submit the Substantial Amendment 2 and Annual Update to HUD.

The Metropolitan Development and Housing Agency (MDHA) is designated as the lead agency for creating and administering the Consolidated Plan, including funds allocated through the CARES Act. Metro received notification on September 11, 2020 that Metro would receive \$5,940,972 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-CV) dollars from round three of CARES Act funds to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the Coronavirus outbreak in Nashville.

Pursuant to this Consolidated Plan amendment, these additional funds will be used as follows:

- \$700,000 to reimburse Metro for allowable cost associated with opening and operating a shelter at the Fairgrounds for the homeless, and opening a second shelter for homeless women at the Municipal Auditorium
- \$4,646,875 to make grants and/or loans to acquire and/or rehabilitate properties to be used as permanent supportive housing for the homeless population
- \$594,097 for program oversight and administration thru June 2026

In order to expedite the Action Plan amendment, HUD granted a waiver of the 30 day public comment requirement and reduced the public comment period to five days. MDHA solicited public comments, and a virtual public hearing was held on December 22, 2020.