



Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County, TN

Legislation Text

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A resolution approving amendment one to a Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant from the Tennessee Department of Finance and Administration, Office of Criminal Justice Programs, to the Metropolitan Government, acting by and through the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department, to fund counselor and victim advocate positions to provide mental health services, support services, and criminal justice system advocacy.

Whereas, the Metropolitan Government, acting by and through the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department, previously entered into a grant agreement with the Tennessee Department of Finance and Administration, Office of Criminal Justice Programs, to fund counselor and victim advocate positions to provide mental health services, support services, and criminal justice system advocacy approved by RS2020-368; and,

WHEREAS, the parties wish to amend the grant agreement as reflected in a copy of amendment one attached hereto to: (i) delete Section D.27. State Interest In Equipment or Motor Vehicles in its entirety and replace it with a new Section D.27.; (ii) add Section E.7. Counterpart Clause; (iii) add Section E.8. Prohibition on Certain Telecommunications and video Surveillance Services or Equipment; and (iv) delete Attachment A-1 in its entirety and replace it with a new Attachment A-1; and,

Whereas, it is to the benefit of the citizens of The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County that amendment one to this grant be approved.

Now, therefore be it resolved by the Council of The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County:

Section 1. That amendment one to the VOCA grant by and between the Tennessee Department of Finance and Administration, Office of Criminal Justice Programs, and the Metropolitan Government, acting by and through the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department, to fund counselor and victim advocate positions to provide mental health services, support services, and criminal justice system advocacy, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein, is hereby approved, and the Metropolitan Mayor is authorized to execute the same.

Section 2. 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

This resolution approves the first amendment to a Victim of Crime Act (VOCA) grant to update language in the grant contract originally approved by Resolution No. RS2020-368. The VOCA grant is from the Tennessee Department of Finance and Administration, Office of Criminal Justice Programs, to the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department. This grant funds counselor and victim advocate positions to provide mental health services, support services, and criminal justice advocacy.

The amendment makes several changes to the grant agreement. Section D.27 of the original grant contract noted that the grant does not involve acquisition and disposition of equipment or motor vehicles acquired with funds under the Grant Contract. The amendment replaces D.27 with new language that allows MNPD to take

ownership of all equipment or motor vehicles, subject to the state's equitable interest, based on the state's contribution to the purchase price, and contains the regulations related to acquiring equipment or motor vehicles. The contract further adds two new sections E.7 and E.8 governing the execution of counterparts to the agreement and prohibiting certain telecommunications and video surveillance services or equipment pursuant to federal law.

The amendment also deletes the grant budget attachment and replaces it with a new grant budget, but no new funding would be added.