



Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County, TN

Legislation Text

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A resolution appropriating \$1,260,000.00 in American Recovery Plan Act funds from Fund #30216 to Metro Parks to be used for the renovation and repair of Brookmeade Park to fulfill its mission to provide safe and enjoyable parks and greenway space to Nashville citizens.

WHEREAS, on June 15, 2021, the Metropolitan Council passed Resolution RS2021-966, a resolution which accepted grant funds for local government support from the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds established by the American Recovery Plan (ARP) Act of 2021 from the U.S. Department of the Treasury to The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, which was subsequently signed into law by Mayor John Cooper on June 16, 2021; and,

WHEREAS, Resolution RS2021-966 established a COVID-19 Financial Oversight Committee ("the Committee") whose role is to collect, consider, and recommend appropriate uses of the ARP Funds as designated by the Metropolitan Council disbursement plan. The Committee will submit its reports and recommendations to the Mayor, the Director of Finance, and the Metropolitan Council not later than June 30, 2025; and,

WHEREAS, there are federal requirements for use of American Rescue Plan Act funds that require that these funds be expended or obligated on or before December 31, 2024; and,

WHEREAS, the Committee supports the mission of the Metro Homeless Impact Division of Metropolitan Social Services ("HID") to provide temporary and permanent housing to those experiencing homelessness; and,

WHEREAS, in recognition of HID's important mission, the Committee has recommended allocating \$1,541,400.00 to provide emergency shelters and to assist those experiencing homelessness to find permanent housing; and,

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has placed additional burdens on the Metro Parks Department ("Parks") to fulfill its mission to provide safe and enjoyable parks and greenway space to Nashville citizens, ~~primarily due to an increase in the number of urban camps as a result of the pandemic and the increase of homeless individuals living in Metro parks;~~ and,

WHEREAS, the Committee recognizes the needs of Parks to regulate the use of its parks and greenway spaces, ~~including use of the parks as encampments for those experiencing homelessness;~~ and,

WHEREAS, Parks has identified vehicles and equipment necessary to enhance safety and maintain Metro parks Brookmeade Park as intended, including Eye in the Sky cameras ~~in locations in parks and facilities with a presence of urban camps~~, and for renovations and repairs necessary to Brookmeade Park, as further described in Parks' request to the Committee (Exhibit A), which will resolve critical needs and is the best and most appropriate use of funds for Parks; and,

WHEREAS, it is to the benefit of the citizens of The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County that this resolution be approved.

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

Section 1. The Metropolitan Council accepts this resolution as a recommendation of the COVID-19 Financial Oversight Committee.

Section 2. That ~~\$1,933,000.00~~ \$1,260,000.00 from the Covid-19 American Rescue Plan Fund #30216 is hereby appropriated to Metro Parks to be used in described in Exhibit A.

Section 3. No funds allocated under this resolution shall be used for the purpose or effect of removing, inconveniencing, or otherwise disturbing residents from existing homeless encampments, nor shall any funds allocated under this resolution be used to free up resources to be used for such.

Section 4. This resolution shall take effect from and after its final passage, the welfare of the public requiring it.

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Parks Brookmeade Park Renovations

Total: \$1,260,000

ITEM	PURPOSE	BRAND	QTY	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE
Equipment					
Trash Trucks 8 yd	Transport trash to dump	Isuzu	2	\$180,000	\$360,000
Pressure Washer Rigs on Trailers	Sanitation of Pavilions Shelters Playgrounds		2	\$10,000	\$20,000
Equipment Total					\$380,000
Eye in the Sky Cameras					
Brookmeade Park			6	\$5,000	\$30,000
Capital Project - Brookmeade Renovation					\$850,000
Trailhead signage and map					
Parking lot - Repaved striped, curb repair, bollards					
Paved trail - Repaved					
Demo existing bridge build new bridge at Trailhead					
New Decking on interior bridge					
Railing on Overlook					
Installation of Electronic Gates at Parking Lot					

TOTALS					\$1,260,000
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