



Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County, TN

Legislation Text

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A resolution appropriating \$7,226,000.00 in American Rescue Plan Act funds from Fund #30216 to select Metro departments to upgrade various HVAC systems throughout the Metropolitan Government for improved ventilation.

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 Rescue Plan Act of 2021 ("ARP Funds") 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 ARP Funds that require that these funds be expended or obligated on or before December 31, 2024; and,

WHEREAS, the Department of General Services ("General Services") has identified various HVAC upgrades necessary throughout the Metropolitan Government based on CDC recommendations, as further described in Exhibit A; and,

WHEREAS, General Services contends that purchase of this HVAC equipment is the best and most efficient uses of funds to resolve the current ventilation concerns; and,

WHEREAS, the Committee recognizes that effective air ventilation is necessary to help prevent the transmission of the COVID-19 virus and HVAC upgrades are an effective tool to accomplish this end; 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 \$7,226,000.00 from the Covid-19 American Rescue Plan Fund #30216 is hereby appropriated to the Metro Departments for HVAC systems upgrades as listed in Exhibit A.

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect from and after its final passage, the welfare of the public requiring it.

Analysis

This resolution appropriates \$7,226,000 in American Rescue Plan Act funds to select Metro departments to upgrade various HVAC systems throughout the Metropolitan Government for improved ventilation.

This resolution approves the COVID-19 Financial Oversight Committee's recommendation to use ARP funds for various HVAC upgrades based on CDC recommendations in order to help prevent the transmission of COVID-19. The funds would be used as follows:

<u>Department</u>	<u>Equipment & Installation</u>	<u>Annual Operating</u>
General Services	\$2,750,000	\$220,000
DCSO	\$1,139,000	\$91,200
Health	\$1,127,000	\$91,000
Library	\$495,000	\$39,600
NDOT	\$300,000	\$24,000
NFD	\$255,000	\$20,400
Parks	\$1,000,000	\$80,000
Metro Action Commission	\$160,000	\$12,800
TOTAL	\$7,226,000	\$579,000

Fiscal Note: This appropriation, along with the appropriations per Resolution No. RS2021-1260, Resolution No. RS2021-1261, Resolution No. RS2021-1263 and Resolution No. RS2021-1264 would be the 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, and 14th resolutions appropriating from the American Recovery Plan Act (ARP) Fund for a cumulative total of \$59,054,250. The total grant award is \$259,810,600 and the first half of this amount was received in July 2021.