



Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County, TN

Legislation Text

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A resolution appropriating \$9,069,614.00 in American Rescue Plan Act funds from Fund #30216 to General Services to expand the vehicle fleet of the Metro Nashville Police Department, the Nashville Department of Transportation, and the Davidson County Sheriff's Office.

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 Committee recognizes that Metro's vehicle fleet is aged and insufficient to meet the needs of operational needs of various Metro departments; and,

WHEREAS, the Committee recognizes that the lack of availability of and recommended sanitization of vehicles has made the use of shared vehicles or "hot swapping" of vehicles across multiple shifts impractical, unsafe, and detrimental to the safety of officers and the community; and,

WHEREAS, the Department of General Services ("General Services") has identified 128 vehicles to be purchased for the Metro Nashville Police Department, 10 vehicles for the Nashville Department of Transportation, and 4 vehicles for the Davidson County Sheriff's Office; and,

WHEREAS, General Services contends that purchase of these vehicles is the best and most efficient uses of funds to resolve its general fleet concerns; 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 \$9,069,614.00 from the Covid-19 American Rescue Plan Fund #30216 is hereby appropriated to Metro's Department of General Services for vehicle purchases described 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 \$9,069,614 in American Rescue Plan Act funds to General Services to expand the vehicle fleet of the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department (MNPd), the Nashville Department of Transportation (NDOT), and the Davidson County Sheriff's Office (DCSO).

This resolution approves the COVID-19 Financial Oversight Committee's recommendation to use ARP funds to purchase 128 marked pursuit SUVs for MNPd, five standard cab pickups and five crew cab pickups for NDOT, and three marked pursuit vehicles and one passenger van for DCSO.

Fiscal Note: This appropriation, along with the appropriations per Resolution No. RS2021-1260, Resolution No. RS2021-1261, Resolution No. RS2021-1262 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.