



# Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County, TN

## Legislation Text

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A resolution accepting a grant from the Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, to the Metropolitan Government, acting by and through the Davidson County Juvenile Court, to develop and implement an evidence-based specialized infant and toddler court to serve children zero through thirty-six months.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, has awarded a grant in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00 with no cash match required to the Metropolitan Government, acting by and through the Davidson County Juvenile Court, to develop and implement an evidence-based specialized infant and toddler court to serve children zero through thirty-six months; and,

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

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

Section 1. That the grant by and between the Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00, to the Metropolitan Government, acting by and through the Davidson County Juvenile Court, to develop and implement an evidence-based specialized infant and toddler court to serve children zero through thirty-six months, a copy of which grant is attached hereto and incorporated herein, is hereby approved.

Section 2. That the amount of this grant be appropriated to the Davidson County Juvenile Court based on the revenues estimated to be received and any match to be applied.

Section 3. 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 accepts a grant from the Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services to the Davidson County Juvenile Court in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 with no cash match required. The grant will be used to develop and implement an evidence-based specialized infant and toddler court to serve children zero through thirty-six months. The Safe Baby Court will work to reduce the incidents of child abuse, neglect, and endangerment to minimize the effects of childhood trauma on small children and provide family stability to participants in the program. The term of this grant begins on July 1, 2022 and ends on December 31, 2024.