



Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County, TN

Legislation Text

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A resolution from the COVID-19 Financial Oversight Committee requesting Metro Council to consider certain nonprofit proposals in allocating American Rescue Plan Act funds to combat homelessness.

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 has determined that combatting homelessness is a critical priority for Davidson County and that the best allocation of ARP Funds to support this goal is via the proposals outlined in RS2022-1696, RS2022-1697, RS2022-1698, and RS2022-1699; and,

WHEREAS, these proposals include grant opportunities for nonprofit organizations; and,

WHEREAS, the Committee has also received inquiries for direct allocation of ARP Funds from nonprofits who currently address issues surrounding homelessness, including the YWCA, Dismas House, and Room in the Inn; and,

WHEREAS, Metro Council intends to conduct committee working sessions to consider the proposals in the above resolutions; and,

WHEREAS, the Committee requests that the nonprofits mentioned above be considered as partners in the homelessness discussions at the committee working sessions noted above; 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 Metro Council committees considering allocations of ARP Funds in RS2022-1696, RS2022-1697, RS2022-1698, and RS2022-1699 should also consider requests for funding to the YWCA, Dismas

House, and Room in the Inn.

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