



Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County, TN

Legislation Text

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A resolution appropriating \$7,890,153.00 in American Rescue Plan Act funds from Fund #30216 to the Urban League of Middle Tennessee and Nashville State Community College to advance workforce equity and strengthen family foundations through education and training in Davidson County

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 Count, 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 recognizes that 30% of Nashville's population earns less than \$39,000 annually and that racial inequities threaten the region's economic prosperity as the county's workforce steadily grows more diverse; and,

WHEREAS, the Committee recognizes that the Urban League of Middle Tennessee and Nashville State Community College have partnered to create a program that will bring workforce training to the community, preparing 1500 individuals to be Ready to Connect before committing to quality employer-supported programs that lead to high-wage, high-demand jobs, as identified in more detail in Exhibit A to this Resolution; 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 \$7,890,153.00 from the Covid-19 American Rescue Plan Fund #30216 is hereby appropriated to the Urban League of Middle Tennessee in the amount of \$5,630,182 and Nashville State Community College in the amount of \$2,259,971 to execute the program under the terms described in Exhibit A.

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

Section 4. Quarterly reporting from the Urban League of Middle Tennessee and Nashville State Community College to the Committee is required. The required information includes but is not limited to the

following:

- a. Accounting of any disbursements of funds
- b. Accounting of any and all fees related to the disbursement of these funds
- c. Balance of funds remaining from the total allocation
- d. Demographics of beneficiaries of any funds, including but not limited to Age, Race, Sex and Zip Code

Analysis

This resolution appropriates \$7,890,153 in American Rescue Plan Act ("ARP") funds from Fund #30216 to the Urban League of Middle Tennessee and Nashville State Community College.

The Urban League of Middle Tennessee and Nashville State Community College have partnered to create a program that will bring workforce training to the community, preparing 1,500 individuals to be Ready to Connect, before committing to quality employer-supported programs that lead to high-wage, high-demand jobs. The program would take place over two years.

This resolution would appropriate \$5,630,182 to the Urban League of Middle Tennessee and \$2,259,971 to Nashville State Community College to execute this program.

This resolution further requires reporting from the Urban League of Middle Tennessee and Nashville State Community College including accounting of the disbursement of funds, accounting of any fees related to the disbursement of these funds, the balance of funds remaining from the total allocation, and the demographics of the beneficiaries of any funds.

Fiscal Note: This \$7,890,153 appropriation, along with the appropriations per Resolution No. RS2022-1831, and Resolution No. RS2022-1832 would be the 31st, 32nd and 33rd resolutions appropriating from the American Recovery Plan Act (ARP) Fund for a cumulative total of \$188,397,030. The total grant award is \$259,810,600. The first half of this amount was received in July 2021 and the second half was received in July 2022.