



Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County, TN

Legislation Text

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A resolution appropriating \$2,090,000 in American Rescue Plan Act funds from Fund #30216 to the Metropolitan Action Commission for repairs and safety improvements to Metro-owned child care centers.

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 the important work of the Metropolitan Action Commission in providing affordable child care for Head Start children throughout the city; and,

WHEREAS, the Committee recognizes that most of MAC's child care facilities are old buildings in need of substantial repairs and safety improvements, as described in Exhibit A; and,

WHEREAS, the Committee recognizes that despite the availability of federal dollars for the Head Start program, generally, these funds cannot be used for the proposed expenditures in Exhibit A; 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 \$2,090,000 from the Covid-19 American Rescue Plan Fund #30216 is hereby appropriated to the Metropolitan Action Commission for the uses 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 \$2,090,000 in American Rescue Plan Act ("ARP") funds from Fund #30216 to the Metropolitan Action Commission ("MAC") for repairs and safety improvements to Metro-owned childcare centers.

MAC provides affordable childcare for Head Start children throughout the city. Many of these childcare facilities are in old buildings that are in need of repairs and safety improvements. The funding request includes plumbing, new HVAC units, replacement of damaged walls and flooring, new signage, a portable, replacement of tile flooring, painting, installation of mini-blinds for energy efficiency, an expanded concrete sidewalk for the Dudley Head Start, and installation of sprinkler systems at Berry, Richland, and Tom Joy Head Start facilities.

Fiscal Note: This \$2,090,000 appropriation, along with the appropriations per Resolution No. RS2022-1903, RS2022-1904, and RS2022-1905 would be the 41st, 42nd, 43rd and 44th resolutions appropriating from the American Recovery Plan Act (ARP) Fund for a cumulative total of \$240,697,030. 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. The grant award must be obligated by December 31, 2024 and expended by December 31, 2026.