



Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County, TN

Legislation Text

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A resolution amending RS2021-1116, which appropriated \$3,000,000.00 in American Rescue Plan Act funds from Fund #30216, to provide rent, mortgage and utilities payments for Davidson County residents, to extend the effective date of the relief and expand rent relief to all participants who have household income up to and including 100% of AMI.

WHEREAS, Resolution 2021-1116 was passed by Metro Council on September 7, 2021, to provide rent and mortgage payments and utilities payments for Davidson County residents who suffered a negative economic impact during the coronavirus pandemic who do not meet the eligibility requirements of the HOPE program administered by the Metro Action Commission, to be administered by the United Way of Greater Nashville, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit A; and,

WHEREAS, Resolution 2022-1381 amended RS2021-116 by extending the effective date for affected residents through June 30, 2023, and expanding eligibility of mortgage payments from all participants with a household income up to 80% of AMI to all participants with a household income up to 100% of AMI; and,

WHEREAS, the Committee finds that extending the effective date of the relief payments to December 30, 2023 and expanding rent and utility relief to all participations who have household income up to and including 100% of AMI is an appropriate use of ARP Funds for Davidson County residents who suffered a negative economic impact during the coronavirus pandemic who did not meet the eligibility requirements of the HOPE program administered by the Metro Action Commission or will meet the hardship eligibility requirements of THDA's pandemic eviction prevention grant; 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. That the Metropolitan Council accepts this resolution as a recommendation of the COVID-19 Financial Oversight Committee.

Section 2. That the effective date of the relief program established by RS2021-1116 be extended through December 30, 2023.

Section 3. That eligibility for rent and utility deposit payments be extended to include all participants with a household income up to 100% of AMI for Davidson County residents who suffered a negative economic impact during the coronavirus pandemic who did not meet the eligibility requirements of the HOPE program administered by the Metro Action Commission or will meet the hardship eligibility requirements of THDA's pandemic eviction prevention grant.

Section 4. That this resolution shall take effect from and after its final passage, the welfare of the public requiring it.

Analysis

This resolution amends an appropriation of \$3,000,000 in American Rescue Plan Act (“ARP”) funds from Fund #30216 to provide rent, mortgage and utilities payments for Davidson County residents, originally approved Resolution No. RS2021-1116.

Resolution No. RS2021-1116, adopted by the Council on September 7, 2021, provided rent and mortgage payments and utility payments for Davidson County residents who suffered a negative economic impact during the coronavirus pandemic who do not meet the eligibility requirements of the HOPE program administered by the Metro Action Commission (MAC). The original expiration date of this program was June 30, 2022. This relief was available to Davidson County residents earning up to 80% of Area Median Income (AMI). This program was amended by Resolution No. RS2022-1381 extended the end date of the rent, mortgage, and utility relief program through June 30, 2023 and expanded the eligibility requirements to receive mortgage payment relief to include all applicants with a household income up to 100% of AMI.

The resolution under consideration amends the appropriation to extend the end date of the rent, mortgage, and utility relief program through December 30, 2023. Further, the resolution extends the eligibility for rent and utility deposit payments to include all participants with a household income up to 100% of AMI for Davidson County residents who suffered a negative economic impact during the coronavirus pandemic who did not meet the eligibility requirements of the HOPE program administered by the Metro Action Commission or will meet the hardship eligibility requirements of THDA’s pandemic eviction prevention grant.