



Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County, TN

Legislation Text

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A resolution approving a grant application for an Organics Management grant from the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation to the Metropolitan Government, acting by and through the Metro Water Services Department, to continue a pilot food scraps pickup program to ensure that food scraps that would otherwise end up in a landfill are diverted for compost to expand organics recycling in Davidson County.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation is accepting applications for an Organics Management grant with an award of \$100,000 with a required cash match of \$50,000; and,

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Government is eligible to participate in this grant program; and,

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

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

Section 1: That the Metropolitan Government's application for an Organics Management grant, with an award of \$100,000 with a required cash match of \$50,000, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein, is hereby approved, and is authorized to be submitted to the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation.

Section 2: That this resolution shall take effect from and after its passage, the welfare of The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County requiring it.

Analysis

This resolution approves a grant application for an organics management grant from the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation to the Metro Water Services Department. The grant would fund the continuation of the pilot food scraps pickup program established in October 2023. The grant amount is \$100,000 with a local cash match of \$50,000. The grant term begins on July 1, 2024, and ends on June 30, 2025.

Metro's current food scraps pickup program is funded by a private donor and is set to end in October 2024. If awarded, this grant would allow the program to continue through June 2025. The funding would allow the curbside food scraps collection to continue for all pilot participants while Metro Water Services analyzes the information collected and makes recommendations for long-term implementation in FY 2026.