



# Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County, TN

## Legislation Text

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A resolution approving an acceptance letter from the Metropolitan Government, acting by and through the Information Technology Services Department (ITS), to the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development (TDECD) regarding a Connected Community Facilities grant to construct and improve digital access through the creation of buildings and rehabilitation of existing facilities.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development (TDECD) has provided an Award Letter and a Notice to Proceed letter to the Metropolitan Government, acting by and through the Information Technology Services Department (ITS), awarding a Connected Communities Facilities grant in an amount not to exceed \$1,978,484.36 with a required cash match of \$216,175.65 to construct and improve digital access through the creation of buildings and rehabilitation of existing facilities; and,

WHEREAS, TDECD requires the Metropolitan Government, acting by and through ITS, to submit an acceptance letter for the award prior to the processing of the grant contract; and,

WHEREAS, upon receipt of the acceptance letter, TDECD will allow the Metropolitan Government, acting by and through ITS, to begin incurring certain eligible expenses for the project prior to the award of the grant contract; and,

WHEREAS, the permission from TDECD to begin incurring certain eligible expenses is subject to the approval of the grant contract; and,

WHEREAS, upon receipt of the proposed grant contract, separate legislation will be filed with the Council of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County to request approval of the grant contract and appropriate the funds; and,

WHEREAS, it is to the benefit of the citizens of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County that this acceptance letter 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 acceptance letter for a Connected Community Facilities grant in an amount not to exceed \$1,978,484.36 with a required cash match of \$216,175.65, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein, is hereby approved, and the Information Technology Services Department (ITS) is authorized to submit said letter to the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development (TDECD).

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

### Analysis

This resolution approves an acceptance letter from the Department of Information Technology Services ("ITS") to the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development ("TDECD") regarding a Connected Community Facilities grant in an amount not to exceed \$1,978,484.36 with a required cash match of \$216,175.65.

The grant funds will be used to construct and improve digital access through the creation of buildings and rehabilitation of existing facilities. This grant will involve a partnership between ITS, the Metropolitan Department of General Services, and the Metropolitan Action Commission, along with collaboration with Fisk University, Meharry Medical College, Tech Goes Home, the Nashville Public Library, LocalTek, and potentially the Nashville International Center for Empowerment to offer free internet access, virtual education, digital workforce development, device access, and virtual health monitoring at 1281 Murfreesboro Pike. Pursuant to the terms of the grant, funding can be used for expenses from April 24, 2024, and all projects must be completed by December 31, 2026.