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A resolution appropriating a total of $221,000 from a certain account of the Community Safety Fund for grants to various nonprofit organizations for Community Safety programs.

WHEREAS, Section 7-3-314 of the Tennessee Code Annotated states that metropolitan forms of government may provide financial assistance to nonprofit organizations; and,

WHEREAS, Section 5.04.070 of the Metropolitan Code of Laws provides that the Council may, by Resolution, appropriate funds for the financial aid of nonprofit organizations; and,

WHEREAS, Metropolitan Charter Section 10.104 provides that the Board of Health has the duty to contract for such services as will further the program and policies of the Board, subject to confirmation by Resolution of Council; and,

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Public Health Department has accepted applications from nonprofit organizations to receive Community Safety Fund grants; and,

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Board of Health has recommended that a total of $221,000 of the funds appropriated for community safety grants in the Budget Ordinance (Substitute BL2025-833), be distributed to the specific nonprofit organizations named below; and,

WHEREAS, it is to the benefit of the citizens of The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County that these funds be appropriated to the specified nonprofit organizations.

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

Section 1. There is hereby appropriated a total of $221,000.00 from the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, acting by and through the Metropolitan Board of Health, to nonprofit organizations as follows:

a) $32,000 to We Are One Recovery to deliver comprehensive, culturally competent recovery support services, specifically tailored to the unique needs of LGBTQ+ individuals impacted by substance abuse disorders, in the form of an established intensive outpatient program; and,

b) $30,000 to Black Mental Health Village to implement a program focusing on at risk youth in South Nashville impacted by community violence, trauma, and limited access to mental health resources in the form of trauma-informed individual therapy, group therapy sessions, youth-centered programs, mental health and well-being workshops, and outreach programs; and,

c) $159,000 to Raphah Institute to operate its restorative justice-based Accountability and Restoration Conferencing Program for addressing criminal harm by focusing on trauma coaching for the harmed parties and accountability coaching for those that have caused the harm.

Section 2. The grant contracts between the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County

and the nonprofit organizations listed in Section 1 above for the amounts provided herein and the purposes stated, copies of which are attached hereto and incorporated herein, are hereby approved.

Section 3. 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 appropriates $221,000 from the Community Safety Fund for grants to three non-profit organizations. The Mayor's Office has recommended a total of $221,000 of the funds appropriated for community safety grants in the Budget Ordinance (Substitute Ordinance No. BL2025-833), be distributed to the specific nonprofit organization named below for Community Safety programs:

- $32,000 to We Are One Recovery to deliver comprehensive, culturally competent recovery support services, specially tailored to the unique needs of LGBTQ+ individuals impacted by substance abuse disorders, in the form of an established intensive outpatient program.
- $30,000 to Black Mental Health Village to implement a program focusing on at risk youth in South Nashville impacted by community violence, trauma, and limited access to mental health resources in the form of trauma-informed individual therapy, group therapy sessions, youth-centered programs, mental health and well-being workshops and outreach programs.
- $159,000 to Raphah Institute to operate its restorative justice-based Accountability and Restoration Conferencing Program for addressing criminal harm by focusing on trauma coaching for the harmed parties and accountability coaching for those that have caused the harm.

The resolution also approves grant agreements with each of these organizations detailing the terms and conditions under which the grant funds are to be spent.