Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County, TN

Legislation Text

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A resolution approving an application for the Statewide School Resource Officer (SRO) Program grant from the Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security for the placement of School Resource Officers in schools for the continued efforts to establish and maintain safe and secure learning environments for eligible schools K-12 public schools and public charter schools.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security is accepting applications from eligible law enforcement agencies for the School Resource Officer Program grant with an award not to exceed $4,200,000. This represents the placement of one School Resource Officer funded at $75,000 per year at 56 schools in Davidson County; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the conditional mayoral approval process provided for in the Metropolitan Code of Laws § 5.04.075(B), the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department completed and submitted the application to the Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security, subject to approval by the Council of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County; and,

WHEREAS, the information completed by the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department on the application, including the Memorandum of Understanding described in the application instructions that was submitted as part of the application, is confidential and not subject to release or distribution to the public pursuant to Tenn. Code. Ann. § 10-7-504(p); and,

WHEREAS, due to the confidentiality restriction, a blank copy of the application is attached hereto for reference; and,

WHEREAS, The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County 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 the Statewide School Resource Officer (SRO) Program grant with an award of $4,200,000, a blank copy of which is attached hereto reference, is hereby approved, and the Metro Nashville Police Department is authorized to submit said application to the Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security.

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 application for the Statewide School Resource Officer ("SRO") Program grant from the Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security to Metropolitan Nashville Police Department with a grant award not to exceed $75,000 per year, per SRO, and per School with no cash match required. If awarded, the grant award would be $4,200,000 with no cash match required. It would be used to fund School Resource Officers at 56 schools in Nashville and Davidson County.

Tennessee Code Annotated § 10-7-504(p) makes the information submitted by the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department on the application, including the required memorandum of understanding described in the application, confidential and not subject to release or distribution to the public. For this reason, a blank copy of the application is attached to the resolution for reference. Council Members may view the completed application as part of their official duties upon request but may not share the completed application with the public.

The Council previously approved the acceptance of a Statewide SRO Program grant pursuant to Resolution Nos. RS2023-16 and RS2024-940.