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A resolution approving the Second Amendment to a Grant Subcontract between the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, acting by and through the Juvenile Justice Center (Metro Juvenile Court), and Southern Word.

WHEREAS, pursuant to RS2024-881, the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County ("Metro") previously entered into a grant contract with the State of Tennessee, Department of Finance and Administration, and the Office of Criminal Justice Programs, (collectively, the "State"), to administer federal grant funds for the improvement of the criminal justice system under the Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program; and,

WHEREAS, to fulfill the requirements of the grant contract, Metro entered into a subcontract agreement with Southern Word; and,

WHEREAS, this subcontract was included as an exhibit to RS2024-881; and,

WHEREAS, this subcontract was previously executed and amended by RS2025-1380 to provide funding for FY26, and to update various scopes of services provided by the subcontractor; and,

WHEREAS, the parties wish to amend this agreement again to provide funding for FY27, extend the contract term, update the scope of services, and to update required language; and,

WHEREAS, it is to the benefit of the citizens of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County that these amendments thereto be approved.

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

Section 1. That the Second Amendment between the Metropolitan Government and Southern Word is hereby approved.

Section 2. The Metropolitan Government is hereby authorized to enter into the amended grant subcontract with Southern Word attached hereto and incorporated herein, to provide funding for FY27, extend the contract term, update the scope of services, and to update required language.

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 approves the Second Amendment to a grant subcontract between the Juvenile Justice Center and Southern Word. The grant is intended to expand a network of creative engagement opportunities through writing and music available for youth engaged in the Juvenile Court Gang Resistance Intervention Program and equip participants with additional social, emotional, and self-expression skills.

The contract approved by Resolution No. RS2024-881 allowed the Metropolitan Government to administer federal grant funds for the improvement of the criminal justice system through the Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program. The subgrant with Southern Word was included as an exhibit to Resolution No. RS2024 -881. The subgrant contract was amended, pursuant to RS2025-1380 to provide funding for Fiscal Year 2026 and retroactively approve the contract for Fiscal Year 2025.

The grant, unamended, expired on June 30, 2026. The proposed amendment would change the term of the grant to begin on July 1, 2026, and end on June 30, 2027 and extend reporting requirements, spending plans, and invoicing to reflect this change. The grant value for Fiscal Year 2027 would be $30,000. The amendment also updates the clause regarding indemnification to state that the State of Tennessee shall also be held harmless and removes language stating that Metro will not indemnify Southern Word. The amendment includes language relative to compliance with the “Dismantling DEI in Departments Act” and “Dismantling DEI in Employment Act”, as required by state law.