

Resolution RS2018-1083

A resolution approving a memorandum of understanding between the Metropolitan Development and Housing Agency and the Mayor's Office for the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County with respect to the assignment of AmeriCorps Volunteers in Service to America supporting the Nashville Promise Zone.

WHEREAS, in 2016, the Metropolitan Development and Housing Agency (MDHA) applied for and received Promise Zone designation for a 46-square mile area of Davidson County comprised of 38 contiguous, low-income census tracts surrounding the central business district; and

WHEREAS, the goals of the NPZ are to (1) 1) create jobs; (2) spur economic activity; (3) expand educational opportunities; (4) reduce violent crime; (5) increase access to quality affordable housing; and (6) improve community infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with an agreement between the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and MDHA, the term of the Nashville Promise Zone (NPZ) is ten (10) years, from June 6, 2016 through June 5, 2026; and

WHEREAS, benefits of a Promise Zone designation include a federal liaison assigned to assist with navigating federal programs; preferences for certain competitive federal programs; and the opportunity to engage AmeriCorps Volunteers in Service to America (VISTAs) to support Promise Zone efforts; and

WHEREAS, MDHA has entered into an agreement with the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) in which CNCS will provide AmeriCorps VISTA members to perform volunteer service to strengthen and supplement efforts to eliminate poverty and poverty-related human, social, and environmental problems specified in MDHA's Promise Zone application; and

WHEREAS, the term of MDHA's agreement with CNCS is for a period of one year and may be renewed annually throughout the 10-year Promise Zone designation; and

WHEREAS, as the Project Sponsor in the agreement with CNCS, MDHA wishes to collaborate with the Mayor's Office to serve as the Project Host Site for the VISTA members since several offices within the Mayor's Office will directly collaborate with the NPZ; and

WHEREAS, the memorandum of understanding (MOU) attached hereto seeks to define the responsibilities of MDHA and the Mayor's Office with respect to the assignment of AmeriCorps VISTA members supporting the NPZ.

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

Section 1. That the MOU by and between MDHA and The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, acting by and through the Mayor's Office, defining each party's responsibilities with respect to the assignment of AmeriCorps VISTA members supporting the NPZ, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein, is hereby approved; and

Section 2. This Resolution shall take effect from and after its passage, the welfare of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County requiring it.

RECOMMENDED BY:

INTRODUCED BY:

Executive Director, MDHA

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

MDHA Attorney

Member(s) of Council

APPROVED AS TO AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS:

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