

MEMORANDUM TO: All Members of the Metropolitan Council

FROM: Donald W. Jones, Director
Metropolitan Council Office

DATE: **December 16, 2003**

RE: **Analysis Report**

Balances As Of:
12/2/02

12/10/03

<u>GSD 4% RESERVE FUND</u>	\$18,390,584	\$5,669,122
<u>CONTINGENCY ACCOUNTS</u>		
GSD	\$50,000	\$50,000
USD	\$50,000	\$50,000
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>		
GSD	Unavailable	Unavailable
USD	Unavailable	Unavailable
<u>GENERAL PURPOSE</u> <u>SCHOOL FUND</u>	Unavailable	Unavailable

- RESOLUTIONS -

RESOLUTION NO. RS2003-113 (BRILEY, ADKINS & OTHERS) - This resolution establishes a citizens' task force to review the Standards for Ethical Conduct section of the Metro Code and to make a recommendation to the Council regarding necessary changes to the Code. This resolution is the result of meetings held by various Members of Council regarding the Council's ethics policy. Discussions at these meetings included concerns about the current financial disclosure requirements, the process for disclosure of Council gatherings, and the composition and conduct of the Council board of ethical conduct. This resolution establishes a task force to address these concerns and report back to the Council.

The task force will be composed of eleven members. The Executive Committee of the Council will recommend eight members, who upon recommendation are to be appointed by a majority vote of the Council. These eight members are to be representative of the following six categories:

1. Two members are to be former Members of Council or Vice Mayors.
2. One member is to be a representative of the Nashville Bar Association.
3. One member is to be a representative of the Napier-Looby Bar Association.
4. Two members are to be trained in the study of contemporary ethics representing the institutes of higher learning in Nashville.
5. One member is to be a corporate ethicist.
6. One member is to be a certified public accountant.

The Metropolitan director of law, the special counsel to the Council, and the secretary of the Council Board of Ethical Conduct are to be the remaining three members of the task force. The task force is specifically authorized to rely upon outside experts and is to issue a report to the Council not later than June 30, 2004. The report to the Council is to include a comparison of the Metro Standards of Ethical Conduct with standards from other jurisdictions, an evaluation of the existing Metro standards, and suggested changes to the Metro Standards of Ethical Conduct. The task force is to hold at least one public hearing prior to issuing this report.

RESOLUTION NOS. RS2003-114 & RS2003-115 (DREAD & GILMORE) - These two resolutions approve the application for and acceptance of two grants from the U.S. department of homeland security to the mayor's office of emergency management for emergency response training and equipment. Typically, all grant applications for federal funds are submitted to the Council for approval by resolution prior to the application being sent to the grantor. However, the application for these grants was mistakenly submitted by the mayor's office of emergency management to the state without first having the Council approve the application. One application was submitted by the mayor's office of emergency management for these funds, but the Tennessee emergency management agency decided to split the grant award into two grants. Thus, these two resolutions both approve the application for and the acceptance of these grants.

Although these grants consist of federal funds, the grant agreements that are being approved by these two resolutions are actually between Metro and the state emergency management agency as the pass-through agency. Therefore, these two resolutions should be amended to accurately reflect that the grant contracts are with the State of Tennessee.

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RESOLUTION NOS. RS2003-114 & RS2003-115 (continued)

Resolution No. RS2003-114 approves the application for and acceptance of a grant in the amount of \$150,000 to conduct training exercises to prepare emergency first responders for a terrorist attack. Specifically, these funds will be used for realistic exercises to prepare first responders for weapons of mass destruction terrorism incidents involving chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, or explosive devices. The focus of the exercise to be conducted by Metro will be the response to an explosion at a local hospital resulting in mass casualties and the relocation of patients to other hospitals. Metro is required, pursuant to the terms of this grant award, to prepare a report to document the results of the exercises. The term of this grant is from November 1, 2003, through October 30, 2005.

Resolution No. RS2003-115 approves a companion grant in the amount of \$250,000 to purchase air purifying respirators (APRs), APR canisters, and radiological detection equipment. The term of the grant is from June 1, 2003, through December 31, 2004.

RESOLUTION NO. RS2003-116 (GILMORE & NEIGHBORS) – This resolution approves a grant in the amount of \$17,000 from the state department of health to the Metropolitan health department for the purpose of improving cardiovascular health among at-risk populations in Davidson County. These are federal pass-through funds that will be used to create a coalition of health care providers, nonprofit organizations, and members of the community to implement a cardiovascular and stroke initiative to reduce cardiovascular risks in a high-risk community. The term of the grant is from October 1, 2003, through June 30, 2004.

RESOLUTION NOS. RS2003-117, RS2003-118 & RS2003-119 (GILMORE & NEIGHBORS) – These three resolutions approve annual grants relative to the implementation of the Governor's community prevention initiative for children program. This program seeks to reduce teen substance use, pregnancy, violence, and school drop-out rates. These grants are for a one-year term beginning July 1, 2003, and extending through June 30, 2004, and funding for the grants is provided from the State of Tennessee.

Resolution No. RS2003-117 approves a grant agreement in the amount of \$24,599 between Centerstone Mental Health Centers, Inc., and the Metropolitan board of health for a Project PEER Power program to provide in-school violence prevention services to fourth grade children.

Resolution No. RS2003-118 approves a grant agreement in the amount of \$82,000 between the Alcohol and Drug Council of Middle Tennessee and the Metropolitan board of health for a COOL TOOLS program. This program targets children ages 6 to 9 to decrease favorable attitudes about problem behavior and to reduce incidents of anti-social behavior. Over 550 children are expected to be served by this program.

Resolution No. RS2003-119 approves a grant agreement in the amount of \$62,650 between Kids on the Block of Middle Tennessee and the Metropolitan board of health for the Choices, Control and Consequences program. This program will be presented to fourth grade students at three Metro schools to encourage self-awareness, positive self-esteem, leadership, anger management, and positive decision making.

RESOLUTION NO. RS2003-120 (GILMORE) – This resolution approves a grant in the amount of \$250,000 from the Rockefeller Foundation to the Nashville career advancement center (NCAC) to improve the capacity of Nashville’s nonprofit organizations to provide workforce development services to poor and disenfranchised job seekers. The term of this grant is from October 1, 2003, through September 30, 2004. There is a local match of \$150,000, which is appropriated from the NCAC operating budget.

RESOLUTION NO. RS2003-121 (GILMORE) – This resolution compromises and settles the remaining portion of the claim of Billy R. Johnson against the Metropolitan Government in the amount of \$25,841.45. On September 22, 2003, a blockage in a public sewer main caused sewage to back up and flood a duplex at 319 May Drive in Madison. The sewage ultimately flooded both sides of the duplex to a depth of approximately four inches. The sewage back up caused damage to the entire floor of the duplex and saturated most of the walls. This resulted in the replacement of the flooring and part of the sheetrock, as well as extensive cleaning and sanitizing. The settlement for Mr. Johnson’s claim for property damage in the amount of \$21,753.67 was approved by the Council on November 18, 2003.

This resolution settles the portion of the claim for cleaning and remediation. Mr. Johnson hired a private contractor to handle the cleanup. A total of six workers logged almost 300 hours on this project. This included the removal of all of the personal items, furniture, and appliances, as well as the cleaning and sanitizing of the affected structural areas. The total cost for the cleaning and remediation services, including equipment and supplies, was \$24,528.75. A contractor for the Metropolitan Government reviewed all of these charges at no cost to Metro and determined that they were reasonable and customary with the industry standards for the work performed.

In addition to the amount for the cleaning and remediation services, this settlement includes a \$1,242.70 hotel bill Mr. Johnson paid for one of the tenants and \$1,070 in loss of rent from the other tenant. The department of law is of the opinion that this is a fair and reasonable settlement considering the damage to the property and the extensive cleanup required. This amount is to be paid from the self-insured liability fund.

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- BILLS ON SECOND READING -

ORDINANCE NO. BL2003-59 (DREAD) – This ordinance amends the Metropolitan Code of Laws to allow liquor sales at retail locations on collector streets. The Code currently limits the location of liquor stores to commercial areas within the urban services district. The Code further limits such locations to those that have principal access to an existing major street or road as shown on the major street plan. This ordinance would allow liquor stores at locations with a principal access to a collector street as well.

There is a housekeeping amendment for this ordinance that clarifies the section number of the Code to be amended.

Ordinance No. BL2003-113, on first reading, involves the same subject matter, but is further limited in scope in that it would only allow liquor stores on collector streets within the MUG zoning district.

ORDINANCE NO. BL2003-94 (WALLACE) – This ordinance amends the Metropolitan Code of Laws to prohibit the collection of garbage between the hours of eleven p.m. and seven a.m., and to include a permit forfeiture provision for multiple violations of this restriction. The Code currently prevents the collection of garbage between the hours of eleven p.m. and seven a.m. when the garbage container is within 300 feet of a residential structure that is not located within the commercial core (CC) and core frame (CF) zoning districts. This ordinance would make the collection time restriction apply countywide and it would not be limited to residential areas. This ordinance also includes a provision that would require the revocation of a private collection permit for a permit holder found guilty of violating the collection time restriction more than twice. If a permit holder's permit is revoked pursuant to this ordinance, the permit holder would not be eligible to reapply for a private collection permit for one year.

ORDINANCE NO. BL2003-95 (SHULMAN) – This ordinance amends the Metropolitan Code of Laws to require that information regarding the enactment of all ordinances amending the Metro Code, other than zoning ordinances, be posted on the government access channel. The information to be posted includes the caption of the ordinance, the sponsor(s), and the date in which the ordinance became effective.

ORDINANCE NO. BL2003-96 (SHULMAN) – This ordinance amends the Metropolitan Code of Laws to designate the responsibility of operating all Metropolitan Government-owned cemeteries to the Metropolitan historical commission, and to designate the additional responsibility to the historical commission to approve markers and stones in the cemeteries prior to their installation. The Code currently provides that the board of parks and recreation shall have the responsibility of operating and maintaining all cemeteries owned by the Metropolitan Government, and is authorized to implement rules and regulations concerning their operation. The Metropolitan Government currently owns and operates two cemeteries: the historic Nashville City Cemetery and the County Cemetery on 18th Avenue North. This ordinance would delegate the cemetery operation responsibilities to the historical commission instead of the board of parks and recreation. For more than
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ORDINANCE NO. BL2003-96 (continued)

twenty years, the historical commission has been operating the cemeteries under an agreement with the board of parks and recreation. This ordinance simply amends the Code to reflect this existing arrangement. In addition, the historical commission would also have the responsibility under this ordinance to approve the stones and markers in advance to ensure that they are appropriate in keeping with the historic nature of the cemetery. The board of parks and recreation would still be responsible for the maintenance of the cemeteries, which includes mowing.

ORDINANCE NO. BL2003-97 (FORKUM) – This ordinance closes an unbuilt portion of Lawrence Avenue at the southern terminus of Palmer Avenue. Metro has determined that there is no future governmental need for this portion of Lawrence Avenue. This closure has been requested by Pedro Martinez. Metro will retain all easements.

The Council office requested planning staff to provide documentation showing the consent of affected property owners in accordance with Rule 18 of the Council Rules of Procedure. This information was not made available to the Council office at the time this analysis was prepared. This ordinance has been approved by the planning commission.

ORDINANCE NO. BL2003-98 (WHITMORE) – This ordinance renames a portion of 37th Avenue North, between Georgia Avenue and Indiana Avenue, as “Elizabeth Jordon Street”. This ordinance should be amended to correct a typographical error, as the attached map shows the name as “Elizabeth Jordan Street” rather than Jordon.

The Council office requested the planning staff to provide documentation showing the notice sent to affected residents. This ordinance has been approved by the planning commission.

ORDINANCE NO. BL2003-99 (LORING) – This ordinance names a part of alley #2089 and alley #2090, between Spring Valley Road and alley #2090, as “Spring Valley Lane”.

The Council office requested planning staff to provide documentation showing the consent of affected property owners in accordance with Rule 18 of the Council Rules of Procedure. This ordinance has been approved by the planning commission.

ORDINANCE NO. BL2003-100 (DREAD) – This ordinance amends the Metropolitan Code of Laws to transfer the administration of the Metropolitan Government’s pre-trial release program from the Metropolitan general sessions court to the Davidson County sheriff’s office. The sheriff’s office formerly administered the pre-trial release program before it was transferred to general sessions in 1993. The pre-trial release program was created by state law primarily to assist with jail overcrowding. The program allows for the release of certain low-risk, nonviolent criminal offenders prior to their trial without having to post bond.

The general sessions court has requested the transfer of the pre-trial release program to the sheriff’s office for several reasons. First, the pretrial program is the only program within general sessions that operates twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. This has resulted in staffing difficulties, which the sheriff’s department is better equipped to
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ORDINANCE NO. BL2003-100 (continued)

handle. Second, a duplication of efforts by the pre-trial and sheriff's staff has been occurring regarding the criminal intake process. Finally, it has been a perceived conflict for the general sessions court to be involved in managing a program that determines the release of a criminal defendant.

This ordinance also authorizes the director of finance to adjust the budgets of the general sessions court and sheriff's office as necessary regarding this transfer.

ORDINANCE NO. BL2003-101 (WALLACE & GILMORE) – This ordinance authorizes the Metropolitan Government to enter into a participation agreement with Beazer Homes Corporation, d/b/a Phillips Builders, to provide public sewer service to Ballenger Farms, Phase One, in Williamson County. The Owl Creek Trunk sewer project was built by the department of water and sewerage services in anticipation that private developers would desire to participate in providing service to new developments. The agreement provides that Phillips Builders will contribute \$90,000 in lieu of construction for a total of 45 single-family connections. Phillips Builders has deposited \$90,000 in escrow with the Metropolitan Government for these connections. The Metropolitan Government frequently enters into this type of agreement with developers to provide service in parts of Williamson County.

ORDINANCE NO. BL2003-102 (LORING) – This ordinance abandons a twenty-foot sewer easement on property owned by James Ray located at 254 Spence Lane. The department of water and sewerage services, nor any other public utility, is using this easement to be abandoned. Any future amendments to this ordinance may be approved by resolution. This ordinance has been approved by the planning commission.

ORDINANCE NO. BL2003-103 (BRADLEY & GILMORE) – This ordinance authorizes the director of public property administration to acquire an easement to a parcel of property located at 500 Hickory Hollow Trace to permit the construction of water mains, sanitary sewers, reservoirs, and stormwater improvements in connection with the Rural Hill Townhouses project. The estimated cost for these acquisitions is \$2,000, which is to be paid initially from the water and sewer extension and replacement fund. The developer of the townhouses, Alliance Constructors, Incorporated, has agreed to pay the actual cost of this easement acquisition, and this ordinance authorizes the director of water and sewerage services to execute an agreement with the developer to recover these costs.

ORDINANCE NO. BL2003-104 (TOLER) – This ordinance authorizes the director of public property administration to acquire property interests to fifteen parcels of property, by negotiation or condemnation, in connection with the Edmonson Pike / Cloverland Drive intersection improvements project. The intersection improvements to be made consist of the addition of left turn lanes for northbound Edmonson Pike and eastbound Cloverland Drive, and a right turn lane for southbound Edmonson Pike. The funds for this project are to be provided from GSD multi-purpose improvement bonds of 2002.

This ordinance has been approved by the planning commission.

ORDINANCE NO. BL2003-105 (SUMMERS) – This ordinance abandons and relocates a portion of an 8” sewer line and easement on property owned by Browning & Bacon Properties, LLC located at West End and Craighead Avenues. The existing sewer line and accompanying easement are no longer being used by the department of water and sewerage services. This abandonment is conditioned upon the installation and acceptance by Metro water and sewer of the proposed relocation. Any future amendments to this ordinance may be approved by resolution. This ordinance has been approved by the planning commission.

ORDINANCE NO. BL2003-106 (RYMAN, WALLACE & SHULMAN) – This ordinance abandons a portion of a 10’ drainage easement and relocates it to a 15’ drainage easement on property owned by Brothers’ Properties, LLC, located at the Laemmle-Janson subdivision on Myatt Drive. The existing 10’ drainage easement is no longer being used by the department of water and sewerage services. This abandonment is conditioned upon the installation and acceptance by Metro water and sewer of the proposed relocation. Any future amendments to this ordinance may be approved by resolution. This ordinance has been approved by the planning commission.

ORDINANCE NO. BL2003-107 (WALLACE & SHULMAN) -This ordinance authorizes the director of public property administration to acquire easements to six parcels of property to permit the construction of a 36”water main at Nashville-BNA/Airport. The parcel for which property interests are to be acquired are commercial properties located on Briley Parkway, International Plaza, Knight of Columbus Boulevard, and McGavock Pike. The estimated cost for these acquisitions is \$9,000, which is to be paid from the water and sewer extension and replacement fund. This ordinance has been approved by the planning commission.

ORDINANCE NO. BL2003-108 (WALLACE, GREER & OTHERS) – This ordinance authorizes the acquisition of property, by negotiation or condemnation, for the construction of sidewalks in accordance with the strategic plan for sidewalk capital improvement projects. The sidewalk projects involved with this ordinance are as follows:

- 18th Avenue North
- 23rd Avenue North
- 24th Avenue North
- South 14th Street
- Laurent Street
- Lebanon Pike
- Benjamin Street
- Lillian Street
- South 15th Street
- Crutcher Street
- Warner Street
- Graybar Lane
- Richards Street
- 19th Avenue North
- Capers Avenue
- Hamilton Avenue
- Moore Avenue
- Martin Street
- Burbank Avenue
- Sevier Court
- Sevier Street
- Russell Street
- Glen Echo Road

The cost of these property acquisitions will be funded by USD improvement bonds of 2001. Any future amendments to this ordinance may be approved by Resolution of the Council. This ordinance has been referred to the planning commission.

- BILLS ON THIRD READING -

ORDINANCE NO. BL2003-14 (BROWN & GILMORE) – This ordinance, as amended, authorizes the Metropolitan Government to enter into a licensing agreement with Wal-Mart Stores East, LP, allowing the department of public works to place 14 recycling bins at the Wal-Mart parking lot located at 4101 Lebanon Pike in Hermitage. The term of this agreement is for one-year, but a new licensing agreement may be entered into after the one-year period for a longer term subject to Council approval. Metro will not be required to pay any rent to place the recycling bins at the Wal-Mart store, but is required to maintain the premises in a reasonably clean condition. If Metro fails to clean up debris within five days of receiving notice, Wal-Mart may clean the premises and bill Metro for the costs incurred.

This ordinance provides that amendments to this agreement or future agreements with Wal-Mart Stores for the placement of recycling bins may be approved by resolution receiving 21 affirmative votes. This ordinance has been approved by the planning commission.

ORDINANCE NO. BL2003-38 (WALLACE) – This ordinance amends the Metropolitan Code of Laws to require only that street vendors be in possession of, but not wear, their identification badges issued by the Davidson County Clerk. The Code requires all street vendors to obtain a permit from the County Clerk upon meeting certain criteria and payment of a fee in order to be allowed to sell merchandise on the streets and sidewalks of the Metropolitan Government. The County Clerk issues identification badges to all street vendors and the Code requires that they be worn at all times. This ordinance would amend the Code to require only that street vendors and their employees be in possession of the I.D. badges at all times.

ORDINANCE NO. BL2003-46 (SUMMERS) – This ordinance authorizes the director of public property administration to acquire easements to four parcels of property by negotiation or condemnation for the purpose of constructing water mains, sanitary sewers, reservoirs, and stormwater improvements in connection with the Lauderdale Road public utility drainage project. The estimated cost for the easements is \$6,000 and will be paid from the stormwater fund. The parcels of property for which easements are to be acquired include 4203 and 4205 Aberdeen Road, and 237 and 239 Lauderdale Road. Future amendments to this ordinance may be approved by resolution. The planning commission has approved this ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. BL2003-47 (GREER) – This ordinance closes and renames a portion of Argyle Avenue. This ordinance closes Argyle Avenue between the intersections of Beech Avenue and Alley #661. All easements are to be retained by the Metropolitan Government. This ordinance also renames the portion of Argyle Avenue between Hillside Avenue and Beech Avenue as “West Argyle Avenue”, and renames the portion of Argyle Avenue between Alley #661 and Ridley Boulevard as “East Argyle Avenue”.

Notification has been sent by the planning commission to the affected property owners.

This ordinance was disapproved by the planning commission, but approved by the traffic and parking commission and the ECD board.

ORDINANCE NO. BL2003-57 (NEIGHBORS & GILMORE) – This ordinance, as amended, authorizes the department of finance to accept donations to be used by the caring for children program. Any funds accepted pursuant to this ordinance would be deposited into a special account established to receive such funds to be appropriated for use by the caring

for children program. The ordinance incorporates certain guidelines for use of donations to the caring for children program. Pursuant to these guidelines, donations are to be used for food, clothing, baby supplies, Christmas gifts for families, Thanksgiving food boxes, school supplies, household supplies, transportation assistance, and other “items of a similar nature”. Such donations will be submitted to the Council for approval by resolution.

ORDINANCE NO. BL2003-58 (NEIGHBORS) – This ordinance amends the employee benefit section of the Metropolitan Code of Laws to authorize an “in-line-of-duty medical treatment network” pilot program. The Code currently provides that the employee benefit board is authorized to establish a panel of pre-approved medical providers to furnish treatment for in-line-of-duty injuries to be known as the “in-line-of-duty medical treatment network”, if the employee benefit board determines that it is financially feasible to do so. The Code provides that once such a network is established, medical care benefits (health insurance) will no longer cover work-related injuries, but such injuries will be covered by Metro through the network. This provision is similar to the workers’ compensation laws applicable to private employers whereby an employer may furnish an injured employee with a list of three or more doctors from which the employee may select for treatment.

This ordinance amends the Code to authorize the “in-line-of-duty medical treatment network” as a pilot program for a two-year period. At the end of the two-year period, the pilot program will terminate and the benefit board will determine whether to continue the network. If the network is continued after the two-year pilot period, then medical care benefits will no longer cover work-related injuries.

The employee benefit board has approved starting the “in-line-of-duty medical treatment network” as a pilot program.

ORDINANCE NO. BL2003-60 (WHITE & GILMORE) – This ordinance authorizes the director of public property administration to acquire property interests to fifteen parcels of property, by negotiation or condemnation, in connection with the Stewarts Ferry Pike at McCampbell Avenue intersection improvements. The intersection improvements to be made consist of realignment of McCampbell Avenue, traffic signals at the intersection, the addition of turn lanes on both roads, and the installation of sidewalks. The funds for this project are to be provided from the GSD multi-purpose improvement bonds of 2001.

This ordinance has not been considered by the planning commission.

ORDINANCE NO. BL2003-63 (WALLACE) – This ordinance approves the adoption of the additions, deletions, and/or other amendments to the Official Street and Alley Acceptance and Maintenance Map for the Metropolitan Government. These amendments are submitted annually by the department of public works. The map shows the dedicated streets and alleys that were either accepted or abandoned for public maintenance by Metro. The map was last amended on December 17, 2002, by Ordinance No. BL2002-1248.

ORDINANCE NO. BL2003-64 (ISABEL, NEIGHBORS & OTHERS) – This ordinance authorizes the mayor to submit a 2004 annual update to the consolidated plan for housing and community development programs for the Metropolitan Government to the U.S. department of housing and urban development (HUD). The current five year consolidated plan was prepared by the Metropolitan development and housing agency (MDHA) and adopted by the council in 1999. The plan is administered by MDHA and includes the allocation of funds received from HUD for community development block grants (CDBG), the

HOME investment partnerships program (HOME), the emergency shelter grant program (ESG), and the housing opportunities for persons with AIDS (HOPWA). This 2004 consolidated plan update has been prepared by MDHA, in connection with other public and private agencies, to allocate funds from the above-mentioned programs.

Any property that may need to be acquired under any of these programs may only be acquired for public use and approved by ordinance, unless the owner consents in writing to sell the property for the program. The exercise of the power of eminent domain under the development plan is expressly reserved for the Metropolitan Council, except in the case of open projects approved by the council in accordance with state law. Additionally, all requested program expenditures must be approved by resolution of the Metropolitan Council. The program allocations under these various programs beginning April 1, 2004 through March 31, 2007 have previously been provided to members of council.

CDBG funds are based on entitlement funding in the amount of \$6,150,000, with program income of \$600,000 during the coming year. These CDBG funds are designated for affordable housing activities to provide matching funds and for neighborhood activity funds for youth initiative programs and community projects associated with storm water drainage, sidewalks, park improvements, and other localized needs. The youth initiatives program is a competitive grant program for non-profit agencies providing services to low to moderate-income youth during the summer. A large portion of the CDBG funds are targeted at specific residential neighborhood strategy areas (NSAs) and commercial district areas. The two commercial district target areas are the Buchanan Street and Murfreesboro Road commercial districts. CDBG funds are also used for neighborhood commercial revitalization, slum and blight removal, and rehabilitation low interest loans to eligible homeowners.

HOME funds are to provide a mixture of owner-occupied and rental rehabilitation, new housing ownership programs, new multi-family housing opportunities, down payment assistance, and housing assistance through non-profit community housing development organizations (CHDOs). A required twenty-five percent local match must be provided from repayments of urban development action grants (UDAG). UDAGs are federal loans made to qualifying programs, essentially in the downtown area, which are repaid to the Metropolitan Government to be expended in approved programs that target persons living in pockets of poverty.

ESG funds are allocated to local homeless shelter providers to help cover operational expenses and essential services. Local matching funds required under this program must be provided by the local non-profits sub-grantees that participate in the program.

The **HOPWA** program provides housing related assistance for low-income persons with AIDS and their families.

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