

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2024-878

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Carrico

Date of Introduction: November 12, 2024

Committee(s) of Reference: NCSPHS, R, F

Date of Analysis: November 14, 2024

Type of Action: Appropriation; invocation of Procurement Code exemption; Ordinance Code waiver; designation of oversight agency

Bill Summary: The ordinance appropriates \$100,000 from a General Fund Operating Contingency account to the General Fund Operating, Subsidies and Contributions to Private Organizations account, to provide a grant to Ronald McDonald House Charities of Jacksonville, Inc. ("RMHCJ") for the Warm Meals, Warm Hearts Meal Program. The Procurement Code exemption in Sec. 126.108(g) from competitive procurement requirements is invoked for a recipient named by City Council via ordinance, and the provisions of Chapter 118 – City Grants – requiring competitive procurement are waived.

Background Information: This funding allocation was approved in the FY24-25 budget and the funds placed "below the line" pending development of a term sheet and grant agreement, which have been completed. RMHCJ provides year-round dinners and access to a fully stocked communal kitchen/pantry for breakfast, lunch and snack items for individuals and families staying at Ronald McDonald House. Through its long-standing partnership with Wolfson Children's Hospital, RMHCJ has identified a need among families staying at Wolfson noting that many who are unable to leave the hospital while caring for a critically ill child are struggling to have their basic food needs met. The City funds will allow RMHCJ to expand the Program to serve families with a critically ill child by delivering well-balanced, nutritious meals to the hospital. Specifically, the grant funds will pay a portion of the salaries and benefits for a Food Services Manager, Volunteer Manager, Director of Operations, and Director of Administration to operate the Program as well as various equipment, occupancy and office expenses. In addition, a portion of the funds will be used to purchase food, cutlery and other supplies necessary to provide meals to families served by the Program.

Policy Impact Area: Family support services

Fiscal Impact: The ordinance appropriates \$100,000 from a General Fund Operating Contingency account

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