

# CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

## LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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**Bill Type and Number:** 2020-328

**Introducer/Sponsor(s):** Council President at the request of the Mayor

**Date of Introduction:** June 9, 2020

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

**Date of Analysis:** June 10, 2020

**Type of Action:** Disbursement of appropriated grant funds, Procurement Code exception, designation of oversight agency and emergency passage

**Bill Summary:** This bill authorizes the disbursement of \$16,548,162.10 from the \$20,000,000 CARES Act funds previously appropriated through Ordinance 2020-0235-E, to the Business Relief Grant program. Pursuant to Section 126.107(g) (Exemptions), Part 19 (General Regulations), Chapter 126 (Procurement Code), *Ordinance Code*, such procurement is exempted from competitive solicitation because the supplies or services are to be provided by those specifically prescribed within authorizing legislation that appropriates the same. The Finance and Administration Department and Office of Economic Development will provide oversight. Emergency passage is requested due to the urgent financial needs associated with the COVID 19 pandemic.

**Background Information:** as elsewhere in the country, the citizens and businesses of Duval County are facing severe economic impacts stemming in part from national, state and local emergency measures and closures. The purpose of this legislation is to provide grant funds to local for profit and nonprofit organizations impacted financially by the COVID 19 pandemic. The economic relief to businesses in the City is intended to maintain the viability of such businesses and the employment of individuals, and maintain the City's tax base and revenues. The following entities will be receiving Business Relief Grant funds:

Bent Creek and Brentwood  
Cecil Field Golf Courses  
Clara White Mission  
Community Rehab Center  
Farm Share  
Florida Theater  
Icemen  
Jax Symphony  
MOCA  
Zoo  
JU  
Mandarin Museum  
The Florida Ballet  
Stage Aurora Theatrical  
Company  
Cathedral Arts Project  
Theater Jacksonville

WJCT  
Beaches Fine Arts Series  
Don't Miss a Beat  
SPAR  
MOSH  
The Cummer  
Jax Beach Elementary  
Preservation  
Cultural Council  
Jacksonville Dance Theater  
Mandarin Community Club  
Florida Elite Soccer Academy  
Hope at Hand  
Revitalize Arlington  
Players by the Sea  
Fire Watch  
Harvest Ministries

Shundo Foundation  
BEAM  
Ascension St. Vincent's  
Foundation  
Anytime Fitness  
YMCA  
Wayman  
Riverside Arts Market  
I'm a Star Foundation  
The Garden Club  
Junior Achievement of N FL  
Grace and Truth CDC  
Boys and Girls Club  
Hope Haven  
Jax Humane Society

**Policy Impact Area:** Financial assistance for local businesses and nonprofits impacted by the COVID 19 pandemic

**Fiscal Impact:** Disbursement of \$16,548,162.10 in CARE Act funds

**Analyst:** Hampsey