

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: 2021-23

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Newby

Date of Introduction: January 12, 2021

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

Date of Analysis: January 11, 2021

Type of Action: Appropriation, agreement authorization and designation of oversight agency

Bill Summary: This bill is an appropriation of \$200,000 to provide funds for the Operation Boost! Program, which will provide opportunities for underserved populations facing barriers to employment to have a career with a living wage. The funding agreements between the City of Jacksonville and Workforce Industrial Training, LLC, and the City and Florida State College are authorized. The exception to Section 126.107(g), *Ordinance Code* is invoked to procure the use of the professional services of FSCJ and Workforce Industrial Training, LLC, to provide services for the Operation Boost! Program. Section 5 110.112 (Advance of City funds; prohibition against), Part 1 (The City Treasury), Chapter 110 (City Treasury), *Ordinance Code*, is hereby waived to allow for a partial advance payment. The Office of Grants and Contract Compliance will oversee the project.

Background Information: Operation Boost! includes workforce recruitment, training and employment placement. The primary target groups will be individuals ages 18 and older in underserved populations. \$100,000 funding to Workforce Industrial Training will provide: cost free training for 50 students; nationally recognized certifications, credentials and certificates of completion; wrap-around and soft skill support services; employability training and job placement assistance; program instructors, student manuals, program curriculum and consumables lab materials and equipment rentals. \$100,000 funding to FSCJ will provide: \$75,000 to create one hundred \$750 scholarships for Low-Income Students with demonstrated financial need; \$25,000 to create a Student Emergency Assistance Fund for Low-Income Students available to students with financial need to address demonstrated extenuating circumstances. Awards will be for expenses up to \$500 and will students will be limited to two awards per lifetime. Examples of extenuating circumstances include: transportation challenges impeding class attendance, rent payment needed to prevent eviction, etc.

Policy Impact Area: Workforce training - Operation Boost! Program

Fiscal Impact: Appropriation of \$200,000 from the Social Justice and Community Investment Special Committee Contingency

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