

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: 2021-154

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Diamond

Date of Introduction: March 9, 2021

Committee(s) of Reference: NCSPHS, F

Date of Analysis: March 9, 2021

Type of Action: Appropriation and designation of oversight agency

Bill Summary: This bill is an appropriation of \$75,000 from the General Fund/ General Services District to provide funding to the City of Neptune Beach for the buildout of the senior center located at 2004 Forest Avenue. Any remaining funds after the completion of the project will be returned to the source of origin. The Public Works Department will oversee the project.

Background Information: The Neptune Beach Senior Activity Center was located at 2004 Forest Avenue in Neptune Beach until experiencing extensive water damage. The relocated site at 450 Atlantic Boulevard closed last year when all programming was cancelled due to COVID-19. The Neptune Beach Senior Activity Center has served seniors in Duval County for more than 17 years at various locations within Neptune Beach and remains one of the most active senior centers in North Florida. The City of Neptune Beach has a plan to return the center to 2004 Forest Avenue, demolish the original building and construct a new modular building in its place. The City of Neptune Beach donated the land for the project, and with the addition of private donations, has paid the cost of building construction. The following capital improvements may be completed through this \$75,000 appropriation: portion of the costs of the renovations and improvements for the parking lot and landscaping, construction of the large front porch (an entry to the building but will also be used as active activity space), and update the HVAC system with airborne viruses and bacteria removal capability.

Policy Impact Area: Neptune Beach Senior Activity Center

Fiscal Impact: Appropriation of \$75,000

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