

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2024-109

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

Date of Introduction: February 13, 2024

Committee(s) of Reference: F, NCSPHS

Date of Analysis: February 15, 2024

Type of Action: Appropriation of Department of Justice (“DOJ”) grant funds with a local match; authorization of new positions within the Jacksonville Sheriff’s Office (“JSO”); designation of an oversight department

Bill Summary: This bill appropriates a \$1,750,000 Fiscal Year 2024 Cops Hiring Program Grant from the DOJ, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (“COPS”) and \$3,476,737 to cover the required local match from the City of Jacksonville and to train and outfit forty new police officer positions within JSO to be hired under this grant. It authorizes the creation of forty police officer positions funded by this grant. It establishes the JSO as the oversight department for the project.

Background Information: The COPS Hiring program attempts to advance the practice of community policing through the hiring of additional career law enforcement officers. The grant requires a local match from the City in the total amount of \$2,565,400 during the grant term. Of the \$3,476,737 appropriated pursuant to this Ordinance, \$771,800 is being appropriated to cover the City’s Fiscal Year 2023-2025 match, and \$2,704,937, which is not part of the City match, is being appropriated to pay for clothing, uniforms, safety equipment, vehicles, and training for the new law enforcement officers.

Policy Impact Area: Police officer hiring; public safety

Fiscal Impact: This Ordinance appropriates a \$1,750,000 DOJ grant and \$3,476,737 in total from the City to hire 40 new police officers.

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