

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2025-690

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Peluso

Date of Introduction: September 9, 2025

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

Date of Analysis: September 5, 2025

Type of Action: Appropriation; waiver of ordinance codes; one-cycle emergency passage

Bill Summary: This bill appropriates \$70,000 from the Special Council Contingency account to the Riverside Avondale Preservation – Subsidies and Contributions to Private Org account to provide funding to Riverside Avondale Preservation, Inc. (RAP) for the Preserving and Restoring the Merchant Districts of Riverside and Avondale Program. The bill authorizes execution of an agreement between the City and RAP, provides for carryover of funds to Fiscal Year 2025-2026, waives provisions of Sections 118.107 and 118.602 of the Ordinance Code, assigns oversight to the Grants and Contracts Compliance Division of the Finance Department, and requests one cycle emergency passage.

Background Information: The purpose of this legislation is to provide City funding to Riverside Avondale Preservation, Inc. (RAP) in the amount of \$70,000 for the Preserving and Restoring the Merchant Districts of Riverside and Avondale Program. RAP will work with merchant associations and community members in the 5 Points, Parks and King, and Historic Avondale areas to identify public improvements that address crime, safety, and blight. The funds will be used for maintenance and repair activities such as litter and waste removal, landscaping, and power washing, as well as contractual services, equipment, and supplies needed to support these activities. A portion of the funds will also support public events including the Riverside Arts Market and other community events. The legislation waives Section 118.107 of the Ordinance Code, which requires nonprofits to receive funding through a competitive evaluated award process, allowing for a direct contract with RAP. It also waives Section 118.602 to authorize award of this funding in addition to Cultural Service Grant funding RAP may receive from the Cultural Council of Greater Jacksonville. One cycle emergency passage is requested to ensure appropriation of the funds prior to the end of Fiscal Year 2024-2025 .

Policy Impact Area: Community Development

Fiscal Impact: This bill appropriates \$70,000 from the Special Council Contingency account to provide a grant to Riverside Avondale Preservation, Inc. for the Preserving and Restoring the Merchant Districts of Riverside and Avondale Program.

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