

# CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

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**Bill Type and Number:** Resolution 2025-145

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

**Date of Introduction:** February 25, 2025

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

**Date of Analysis:** February 27, 2025

**Type of Action:** Appropriation; designation of oversight agency

**Bill Summary:** The bill appropriates a \$250,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Wildfire Defense Grant Program to the Planning and Development Department's Office of Resilience to fund development of a community wildfire protection plan. The Office of Resilience is designated as the City's oversight agency for the project.

**Background Information:** The City's grant application to the USDA says that according to the Community Wildfire Defense Grant Dashboard, Jacksonville is considered "at risk", having a higher wildfire hazard potential than 93% of communities in the nation. It says the City has done an independent vulnerability assessment and found that over 5,000 assets are highly vulnerable to wildfire, including residential, commercial and industrial properties as well as critical services, utilities, cultural and community services and government properties. A comprehensive, countywide wildfire protection plan building on pre-existing work would inform the development of strategies to prevent and minimize fire hazards and to inform the public of potential dangers and best practices.

**Policy Impact Area:** Public safety; wildfire prevention

**Fiscal Impact:** The bill appropriates a \$250,000 federal grant with no local match required.

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