CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2024-41

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member J. Carlucci

Date of Introduction: January 10, 2024

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

Date of Analysis: January 11, 2024

Type of Action: Amendment of the Ordinance Code

Bill Summary: This bill amends Section 111.920 of the Ordinance Code to provide for funding of homelessness initiatives through certain economic development agreement incentives. The amended language in the Ordinance Code states that the City shall designate funding equal to 4% of the approved economic development agreement incentives approved during a calendar year, with the exception of projects located within Community Redevelopment Areas ("CRAs"), to the Homelessness Initiatives Special Revenue Fund to be used for programs, initiatives, or services to assist Duval County's chronically unhoused populations.

Background Information:

Homelessness is an issue of critical concern in Duval County. Recognizing this issue, the City Council created, through Ordinance, the Homelessness Initiatives Special Revenue Fund.

This funding source, created to fund various programs to assist Duval County's chronically unhoused populations, is modeled after the funding source used by the Jacksonville Upward Mobility Program ("JUMP"), created by Ordinance 2022-0886-E, which states that funding equal to 1% of the approved economic development agreement incentives, excluding CRAs, during a calendar year be appropriated to JUMP for the next budget year. This funding may come from General Fund revenues or other designated funds.

Policy Impact Area: Homelessness initiatives

Fiscal Impact: This bill pledges that the City Council shall budget funds equal 4% of the amount of total economic development agreement incentives, excluding CRAs, during a calendar year be budgeted to the Homelessness Initiatives Special Revenue Fund for the next budget year.

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