

# CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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**Bill Type and Number:** Ordinance 2025-0893

**Introducer/Sponsor(s):** Council Member White

**Date of Introduction:** December 9, 2025

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

**Date of Analysis:** December 8, 2025

**Type of Action:** Appropriation; provide for carryover; waive Section 118.107, *Ordinance Code*; approve and authorize to execute and deliver a Grant Agreement; provide for oversight

**Bill Summary:** This bill appropriates \$245,220 from the International Association of Fire Fighters Contingency account to the Subsidies and Contributions to Private Org account to provide a grant to the Jacksonville Association of Firefighters, IAFF Local No. 122, Inc. (JAFF), for the restoration of a Works Progress Administration (WPA) era fire tower. The bill provides for the carryover of funds through September 30, 2027, and waives Section 118.107 of the Ordinance Code to allow for a direct contract with JAFF. It also authorizes and approves the Mayor to execute and deliver a Grant Agreement between the City and JAFF. It provides for oversight by the Department of Public Works.

**Background Information:** The project will restore a WPA-era fire tower at 625 Stockton Street. The tower was constructed in the 1930s and served as the primary training facility for the fire services for over 60 years. The JFRD still uses the tower as a supplemental training facility, in part due to its central location within Duval County. Restoration efforts will include replacement and/or repair of wooden windows and doors, repair of the existing fire escape, and exterior masonry repairs with the intent of restoring the tower to its original, historic condition. This will enable JFRD and other fire service providers to continue utilizing the tower as a training facility for years to come.

**Policy Impact Area:** JFRD, Grant Agreements

**Fiscal Impact:** This bill appropriates \$245,220.

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