

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2023-115

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

Date of Introduction: February 14, 2023

Committee(s) of Reference: NCSPHS, F

Date of Analysis: February 16, 2023

Type of Action: Appropriation, designation of oversight agency and one cycle emergency passage

Bill Summary: This bill is an appropriation of \$311,823.40 in federal grant funds from the Centers for Disease Control, through the State of Florida Department of Health, to the Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department, for the Coordinated Opioid Response (“CORE”) Program. The grant funds will be used to pay for JFRD’s obligations to the CORE Program, including personnel, equipment, and supplies. The Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department will provide oversight. One cycle emergency passage is requested because grant funding for the CORE Program expires on June 30, 2023, and these dollars are necessary to fund JFRD’s obligations for the program.

Background Information: Duval County is one of only 12 counties in Florida selected by the Florida Department of Health to participate in a community-based intervention program that will implement a network of providers for the care, treatment, and recovery of substance use disorder. JFRD will partner with other local organizations such as the Duval Health Department, Gateway Community Services, Sulzbacher Center, local Emergency Departments, and the Department of Children and Families to address primary and secondary impacts and outcomes of substance use disorder. Since 2017, the City of Jacksonville and JFRD have partnered with Gateway Community Services and local emergency departments through “Project Save Lives” to provide initial peer navigators, detox, and medication-assisted treatment services for those within the Jacksonville community who are afflicted with substance use disorder. However, nearly 50 percent of those who overdosed and were eligible for participation in Project Save Lives refused all services. The CORE program will target individuals who are otherwise not receiving the services and treatment that they need to restore their lives, and it will address the gaps and barriers that exist currently regarding treatment and sustainable plans for long-term recovery.

Policy Impact Area: JFRD - Coordinated Opioid Response (“CORE”) Program

Fiscal Impact: Appropriation of \$311,823.40 in federal grant funds, no City match is required

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