

# CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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**Bill Type and Number:** Ordinance 2025-682

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

**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 code; one cycle emergency passage

**Bill Summary:** This bill appropriates \$10,000 from the Special Council Contingency account to the Kids Hope Alliance Fund – Essential Service Plan-Special Needs Essential Services Category to provide funding to River City Pearls Foundation, Inc. (RCPF, Inc.) for the Soaring to Greater Heights of Service Program. The ordinance amends the Twelfth Revised Schedule M to Ordinance 2024-511-E, authorizes execution of an agreement with RCPF, Inc., waives certain provisions of Section 77.111 of the Ordinance Code to exempt the services from competitive procurement, provides for carryover of funds to Fiscal Year 2025-2026, assigns oversight to the Kids Hope Alliance, and requests one cycle emergency passage.

**Background Information:** The purpose of this legislation is to provide funding from the City of Jacksonville to River City Pearls Foundation, Inc. for the Soaring to Greater Heights of Service Program. The program includes two initiatives: the Childhood Hunger Power Pack Weekend food distribution initiative and the Youth Leadership Institute Mentoring initiative. The Childhood Hunger Power Pack initiative provides students with food packs containing breakfast, dinner, snack items, and drinks. The Youth Leadership Institute Mentoring initiative offers an educational and leadership program to children at Sulzbacher Village throughout the year. Funds will be used to purchase the food packs and cover the costs of hosting leadership and mentoring workshops.

**Policy Impact Area:** Youth services; food security

**Fiscal Impact:** This bill appropriates \$10,000 from the Special Council Contingency account to the Kids Hope Alliance Fund – Essential Service Plan-Special Needs Essential Services Category to provide funding to River City Pearls Foundation, Inc.

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