

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2026-0187

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Amaro

Date of Introduction: March 10, 2026

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

Date of Analysis: March 9, 2026

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

Bill Summary: This bill appropriates \$30,000 from the Multiyear Programs and Initiatives—Council District 01 Community Benefits Agreement—Contingency account to the General Fund Operating—Subsidies and Contributions to Private Org account to provide funding to North Florida School of Special Education, Inc. (NFSSE) for the NFSSE Vocational Training/Community Integrated Employment Program.

The bill also provides for carryover into fiscal year 2026-2027 and waives Section 118.107 of the Ordinance Code to allow for a direct contract with NFSSE. It approves and authorizes the Mayor to execute and deliver a Grant Agreement between the City and NFSSE for the program and provides for oversight by the Grants and Contract Compliance Division of the Finance Department.

Background Information: The NFSSE Vocational Training/Community Integrated Employment Program provides transition and postgraduate students aged 17 years and older with the opportunity to receive continued education services focused on vocational and independent living skills, including development of social and professional skills. This is accomplished through observation, side-by-side instruction, and independent task completion. The program is comprised of three activities:

1. Art with Soul: teaching, creating, and selling pottery, animation, and mosaics
2. Barkin' Biscuits Pet Bakery: making and packaging all-natural dog treats
3. Beery Good Blooms: growing farm fresh flowers and flower arranging

The goal of the program is to provide the students with opportunities to develop the skills needed to be job-ready and to participate in workplace experiences. City funds will pay a portion of the salaries for the three managers who oversee these respective activities. The activities supported by the City funds will all be offered from the NFSSE's Vocational Training Center located at 223 Mill Creek Road in Council District 1.

Policy Impact Area: Council District 1 CBA funds, vocational training

Fiscal Impact: This bill appropriates \$30,000 from the Multiyear Programs and Initiatives—Council District 01 Community Benefits Agreement—Contingency account.

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