

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2024-938

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Pittman

Date of Introduction: November 26, 2024

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

Date of Analysis: November 25, 2024

Type of Action: Appropriation; invocation of Procurement Code exemption; Ordinance Code waiver

Bill Summary: This bill appropriates \$30,000 from a Contingency Account within the Kids Hope Alliance (KHA) Fund to the Subsidies and Contributions to Private Organizations Account. The funds will provide grant funding to Jacksonville Arts and Music School, Inc. (JAMS) for the ArtWorks Initiative (the Program). The bill invokes exemptions from competitive solicitation under Section 126.108(g) of the Procurement Code and waives Section 77.111(a) of the Kids Hope Alliance Ordinance Code to allow a direct contract with JAMS for the Program. Additionally, the bill waives age restrictions under Section 77.105 (e) of the KHA Ordinance Code, allowing JAMS to provide services through the Program to high school and college students up to age 24. Oversight of the Program will be conducted by KHA.

Background Information: The ArtWorks initiative is a college and career exploration program designed to prepare teens and young adults for life beyond graduation. Targeting first generation college students, low-income students, students of color, and other underserved youth, the program provides mentorship, career preparation in creative industries, business, and civic engagement, and equips participants with skills to pursue post-secondary education or employment. The funding will enable JAMS to expand the program to serve an additional ten students over the next year.

Policy Impact Area: Youth development and career readiness

Fiscal Impact: This bill appropriates \$30,000 from the KHA Fund Contingency Account to the Subsidies and Contributions to Private Organizations Account.

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