

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2026-224

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

Date of Introduction: March 24, 2026

Committee(s) of Reference: NCSPHS, F

Date of Analysis: March 23, 2026

Type of Action: Amends Grant Agreement; Provides for continued oversight

Bill Summary: The bill authorizes the Mayor, or her designee, and the Corporation Secretary to execute and deliver a first amendment to fiscal year 2025-2026 city grant agreement for the operation of 9-8-8 suicide and crisis lifeline program (City Contract #701382-26) between the City and United Way of Northeast Florida, Inc. to amend the program budget detail and narrative. The bill provides for the continued oversight by the Grants and Contract Compliance Division of the Finance Department.

Background Information: The bill amends a previously approved fiscal year 2025-2026 city grant agreement (City Contract #701382-26), dated February 3, 2026, between the City and United Way of Northeast Florida, Inc., as authorized by Ordinance 2025-504-E. The City agreed to provide funding to United Way in the amount of \$200,000.00 to be used to implement the 9-8-8 Program, which provides free, 24/7 access to trained crisis counselors, offering immediate support for mental health and substance use emergencies. United Way requested to amend the contract to adjust the program budget details to reallocate funding between certain line items of the budget without increasing the \$200,000.00 amount and apply the revised program budget details to all services provided on and after October 1, 2025.

Policy Impact Area: Public Health; Suicide Prevention

Fiscal Impact: No fiscal impact. The bill amends the program budget detail to reallocate funding between line items without increasing the maximum indebtedness of \$200,000.00, as authorized by Ordinance 2025-504-E, specifically decreasing Employee Compensation by \$34,481.20 and Employee Benefits by \$10,221.63 while increasing Occupancy Expenses by \$44,702.83.

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