

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2023-609

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council President Salem

Date of Introduction: September 12, 2023

Committee(s) of Reference: NCSPHS, F

Date of Analysis: September 14, 2023

Type of Action: Appropriation; authorization of fiscal year carry-over; request for emergency approval on second reading

Bill Summary: The bill appropriates \$250,000 from a General Fund Operating Contingency account designated to address Critical Quality of Life Issues (CQLI) Special Committee initiatives to the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department, Social Services Division for rental and utility assistance (\$200,000), and to the Military Affairs and Veterans Department for rental assistance (\$30,000) and utilities assistance (\$20,000), to qualified households in Duval County. The funds are authorized to carry-over to FY23-24. Emergency approval on second reading is requested in order to meet an expenditure deadline.

Background Information: The appropriation will provide funding to the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department and the Military Affairs and Veterans Department for the provision of rental and utility assistance to qualified households in Duval County through existing programs established for this purpose in each Department. The nature of the emergency is that the funds appropriated herein are required to be expended by September 30, 2023. The Council has recently identified an appropriate use of these funds for the provision of rental and utility assistance through existing programs. Recognizing that these funds will lapse on September 30, 2023 unless appropriated, the Council desires to carryover the funds into fiscal year 2023-2024 to give the departments sufficient time to distribute the funds to qualified recipients.

Policy Impact Area: Rent and utility payment assistance

Fiscal Impact: The bill appropriates from a General Fund Operating Contingency account designated to address Critical Quality of Life Issues (CQLI) Special Committee initiatives.

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