

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2023-608

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council President Salem

Date of Introduction: September 12, 2023

Committee(s) of Reference: F

Date of Analysis: September 14, 2023

Type of Action: Appropriation; invocation of direct contracting exemption in Procurement Code; authorization to execute grant agreement; Ordinance Code waiver; request for emergency approval on second reading; designation of oversight agency

Bill Summary: The bill appropriates \$300,000 from General Fund/GSD Operating Reserves to provide funding to Clara White Mission, Inc., in support of its White Harvest Farms culinary vocational training program. It authorizes the City administration to negotiate and execute a grant agreement for the funding with the Clara White Mission and invokes the direct contracting exemption in Section 126.107(g) of the Procurement Code. Emergency approval on second reading is requested. The bill designates the Grants and Contract Compliance Division as the City's oversight agency for the grant.

Background Information: This funding appropriation was discussed by the Finance Committee during its budget hearing wrap-up session on August 25, 2023 and the Office of General Counsel was directed to file this legislation to accompany the budget ordinance due to a Council Member voting conflict. The White Harvest Farms culinary vocational training program will provide education and training in culinary arts, food production and service, and agriculture, targeting low-income residents in north Jacksonville, individuals residing in food deserts, and homeless veterans. Individuals served through this program will also receive supportive services including case management, job readiness preparation, and job placement.

Policy Impact Area: Food desert remediation; job training; council member voting conflict avoidance

Fiscal Impact: The bill appropriates \$300,000 from General Fund/GSD Operating Reserves to provide funding to Clara White Mission, Inc. for the White Harvest Farms project.

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