

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2025-857

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Members Salem and Carrico

Date of Introduction: November 12, 2025

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

Date of Analysis: November 13, 2025

Type of Action: Appropriation, designation of oversight agency, waiver, agreement authorization and emergency passage upon introduction

Bill Summary: This bill is an appropriation of \$200,000 from the Budget Stabilization Reserve Contingency account. Section 118.107, *Ordinance Code* is waived to allow for a direct contract. The grant agreement between the City and Regional Food Bank of Northeast Florida, Inc. d/b/a Feeding Northeast Florida is authorized. The Grants and Contract Compliance Division of the Finance Department will provide oversight. Emergency passage upon introduction is requested because a large group of Duval County residents are facing an immediate food shortage crisis arising from the federal government shutdown which the funds appropriated herein are intended to partially alleviate.

Background Information: The purpose of this legislation is to provide funds for Feeding Northeast Florida for the Duval County Emergency Food Distribution Initiative, created to assist with emergency food distribution efforts that have become necessary as a result of the federal government shutdown which led to a significant and immediate rise in the number of Duval County residents facing food insecurity. The funds will be used to purchase food and pay freight costs.

Policy Impact Area: Food insecurity

Fiscal Impact: \$200,000 from the Budget Stabilization Reserve Contingency account

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