

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2025-143

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

Date of Introduction: February 25, 2025

Committee(s) of Reference: NCSPPHS, F

Date of Analysis: February 27, 2025

Type of Action: Appropriation; authorization of position; designation of oversight agency

Bill Summary: The bill appropriates \$479,046 in U.S. Department of Justice grant funds to fund various activities and programs aimed at crime control and prevention and improved public safety. It authorizes one grant funded position of Human Services Planner III/SPE. The Division of Grants and Contract Compliance of the Finance and Administration Department is designated as the oversight agency for the grant, the term of which runs through September 30, 2027.

Background Information: A portion of these funds will be used to support the City's Jacksonville Journey Fast Forward Crime Reduction ("Fast Forward") and Intimate Violence Advanced Services Team ("InVest") programs. The Fast Forward program is designed to reduce crime by providing at-risk individuals with comprehensive support that includes completion of secondary education, vocational training, apprenticeship opportunities, and employment services. By focusing on education and skill-building, this initiative aims to empower individuals with the tools they need to lead productive, law-abiding lives, thereby reducing recidivism and preventing first-time offenses. The InVest program provides assistance to victims of domestic violence through collaborative partnerships with the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office, the City's Victim's Services Center, 22 and Hubbard House, a not-for-profit, domestic service provider. In addition, the grant funds will be used to support contract management and monitoring personnel for the City's crime prevention, intervention, correction, rehabilitation and education programs

Policy Impact Area: Crime prevention

Fiscal Impact: The bill appropriates \$479,046 in U.S. Department of Justice grant funds with no local match required.

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