

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2024-430

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

Date of Introduction: May 28, 2024

Committee(s) of Reference: NCSPHS, F

Date of Analysis: May 29, 2024

Type of Action: Appropriation, reallocation of grant funds and position approval

Bill Summary: This bill is an appropriation of \$3,112,672 in annual grant funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) program. If a sub-recipient is unable or unwilling to accept an award of HOPWA funds, the funds may be reallocated to the next eligible awardee using the same method and criteria normally applied by the Jacksonville Housing and Community Development Commission. The grant funded position of program manager is approved.

Background Information: The HOPWA program, administered by the Housing and Community Development Division, was established to provide housing assistance and related supportive services to eligible low-income persons living with HIV/AIDS and their families. Funds from the HOPWA program can be used for a variety of housing, social services, program planning, and development costs benefiting eligible persons and their families. This includes the acquisition, rehabilitation or new construction of housing units, costs for facility operations, rental assistance, short-term payments to prevent homelessness, substance abuse treatment, mental health treatment, nutritional services, job training and placement assistance, and assistance with daily living activities.

HOPWA service providers include Gateway Community Services, Lutheran Social Services, NE FL AIDS Network, Catholic Charities, JASMYN, and River Region. The HOPWA funds must be spent within 36 months following HUD's signing of the grant agreement.

Policy Impact Area: Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) program

Fiscal Impact: \$3,112,672 as initiated by B.T. 25-003, no City match required

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