

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2025-0657

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Johnson

Date of Introduction: August 26, 2025

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

Date of Analysis: August 25, 2025

Type of Action: Appropriation; carryover; Ordinance amendment; waiver of Section 77.111, *Ordinance Code*; approve and authorize the Mayor to execute and deliver a Grant Agreement; provide for oversight.

Bill Summary: This bill appropriates \$10,000 from the Special Council Contingency Account to the Kids Hope Alliance Fund (10901)—ESP—Out-of-School Time Programming Essential Services Category, to provide funding to Jacksonville Arts and Music School, Inc. (JAMS) for the JAMS “creatED” Program. The bill provides for carryover to FY 25-26 and amends the Ninth Revised Schedule M to Ordinance 2024-511-E. It also waives specific requirements of Section 77.111, *Ordinance Code*, to exempt the services from competitive procurement. The bill also approves and authorizes the Mayor to execute and deliver a Grant Agreement between the City and JAMS. KHA provides oversight.

Background Information: The purpose of the appropriation is to provide funding from the City to JAMS for the JAMS “creatED” Program. This program was designed to assist art educators in helping with skill development and youth seeking opportunities to develop their artistic talents and abilities. For art educators, the program is a professional development and community arts engagement program to equip teachers and professional artists with skills and strategies to serve underserved youth and families through the arts, with workshops to enhance their skills in arts integration, creative instruction, and youth engagement. The program serves its youth participants, specifically children ages 3 through 12, by providing after-school and summer programming, including art instruction during the school year and a six-week summer program in music, dance, theater, visual arts, drama, and creative writing.

The program also provides a community engagement component through public showcases and student-led collaborative projects. City funds will be used to cover the costs of hosting professional development workshops for teachers and professional artists, as well as quarterly community events, which will be open to the public. These events will offer an opportunity for youth, educators, and artists to showcase their work and highlight student achievements in the community.

Policy Impact Area: Youth development, arts and culture

Fiscal Impact: This bill appropriates \$10,000 from the Special Council Contingency Account.

Analyst: Russell