

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2024-509

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

Date of Introduction: July 23, 2024

Committee(s) of Reference: F

Date of Analysis: July 26, 2024

Type of Action: Appropriation; designation of oversight agency; Ordinance Code waiver

Bill Summary: The bill appropriates the sum of \$7,200,000 from the designated Council Contingency account for Public Service Grants to fund Public Service Grants for FY24-25. It provides that the determinations of eligibility and the process for review, evaluation and scoring of applications for PSG Micro-Grants shall be in accordance with the procedures established in Ordinance 2022-623-E and authorizes approval and execution of such grants. The bill waives the conflicting provision of Ordinance Code §118.802 (Annual Lump Sum Appropriation for Public Service Grants) due to the need for separate legislation from the annual budget ordinance to approve the lump sum appropriation for Public Service Grants. Oversight will be provided by the Grants and Contract Compliance Division of the Finance and Administration Department. The funds will be allocated to Prevention and Diversion programs (40%), Acute Needs (30%), and Self-Sufficiency and Stability programs (30%).

Background Information: Public Service Grants (PSG) are subject to the provisions of Chapter 118, Ordinance Code. These appropriations will be awarded as grants-in-aid to the miscellaneous agencies and will not require additional legislation for distribution of funds. Pursuant to Section 118.808, Ordinance Code, the Public Service Grant Council will forward a complete list of the Public Service Grants recipients and funding allocation to the Council Auditor's office, the Office of the Mayor, the City Council and the Director of the Finance and Administration Department. The PSG appropriation is being removed from the budget ordinance and enacted separately in order to avoid a conflict of interest situation for council members who have relationships with entities that may apply for PSG funding, who may abstain from voting on this bill while voting on the rest of the budget ordinance intact.

Policy Impact Area: Public Service Grants

Fiscal Impact: Appropriation of \$7,200,000 for public service grants, a decrease of \$1,800,000 (20%) from the FY23-24 appropriation.

Analyst: Clements