

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2020-111

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Diamond

Date of Introduction: February 11, 2020

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

Date of Analysis: February 7, 2020

Type of Action: Appropriation

Bill Summary: This bill appropriates \$10,000.00 from the City Council Operating Contingency Fund to the Women's Center of Jacksonville, Inc., for an advertising campaign to combat sexual assault; approves and authorizes the Mayor, or his designee, and the Corporation Secretary to execute the agreement with the Women's Center of Jacksonville, Inc; invokes the exception to Section 126.107 (G), *Ordinance Code*, in order to direct contract with the Women's Center of Jacksonville, Inc.; provides for City oversight by the Office of Grants and Compliance, and requests a one cycle Emergency Passage.

Background Information: The Women's Center of Jacksonville, Inc., (WCJ) is a nonprofit Jacksonville-based organization offering education, support, and advocacy to survivors of all ages and genders. WCJ is the only certified rape crisis center in Duval, Baker and Nassau Counties. WCJ offers community education, counseling, referral assistance, rape prevention services and breast cancer education, support and advocacy at complimentary and affordable prices.

In consideration of the upcoming Spring Break season, WCJ requests the funding to assist with a sexual assault awareness campaign targeting the numerous students and young adults visiting the area. Flyers and other advertisements will be posted at local restaurants, bars and hotels in Jacksonville, Neptune, and Atlantic Beaches. The emergency passage is requested to ensure the campaign has the funding available by March 2, 2020, and materials are ready for distribution.

Policy Impact Area: Women's Center of Jacksonville, sexual assault awareness campaign

Fiscal Impact: The appropriation of \$10,000.00 from the City Council Operating Contingency Fund.

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