CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

Brandon Russell
Research Assistant
(904) 255-5137
BRussell@coj.net

Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2025-0533

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Amaro

Date of Introduction: July 22, 2025

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

Date of Analysis: July 21, 2025

Type of Action: Appropriation; carryover; waiver of Section 118.107, *Ordinance Code;* approval and authorization of Mayor to deliver a Grant Agreement; designation of oversight department

Bill Summary: This bill appropriates $25,000 from the Special Council Contingency account to the Subsidies and Contributions to Private Org account to provide a grant to Artist Connect Theatre, Inc. (ACT) for the Main Stage and Young Artists programs and provides a carryover to FY 25-26. The bill waives Section 118.107 of the Ordinance Code to allow for a direct contract with ACT. It designates the Grants and Contract Compliance Division of the Finance Department as the oversight department.

Background Information: The purpose of the appropriation is to fund ACT for the Main Stage and Young Artists programs. The Main Stage program, hosted by ACT, features eight main stage productions during the 2025-2026 season. The Young Artists program is offered each summer as a two-week, tuition-based workshop for kids ages eight to 17 years old. The Young Artists program also provides training for auditions and education on acting and performance technology, culminating in a full weekend of performances by the program participants. The City funds will be used to pay for maintenance and repairs to the ACT dressing rooms, with the remainder being used to pay for production royalty fees and costs for supplies and materials for ACT's various productions.

Policy Impact Area: Arts and culture, youth and community services

Fiscal Impact: This bill appropriates $25,000 from the Special Council Contingency account.

Analyst: Russell