

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: 2022-93

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Members Gaffney, Priestly Jackson and Pittman

Date of Introduction: February 8, 2022

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

Date of Analysis: February 9, 2022

Type of Action: Appropriation, agreement authorization, *Ordinance Code* exception and waivers, designation of oversight agency

Bill Summary: This bill is an appropriation of \$156,290 from the General Fund – General Services District Fund Balance derived from unused funds within the Historic Stanton Rehab Contingency for subsidies and contributions within the Office of Grants and Compliance to Historic Stanton, Inc. for building improvements. The Funding Agreement between the City of Jacksonville and Historic Stanton, Inc. is authorized. This bill invokes the exception to Section 126.107(g), *Ordinance Code* because such procurement is exempted from competitive solicitation because the supplies or services are to be provided by those specifically prescribed within authorizing legislation. Provisions of Section 118.107, Part 1 Chapter 118, *Ordinance Code*, are waived to allow for a direct contract with Historic Stanton, Inc., a non-profit organization which owns the historic Stanton school building. The bill also includes a Waiver of Section 118.201(f)(7), *Ordinance Code*, to allow advance payments in excess of 10% to Historic Stanton, Inc. The Department of Finance and Administration will oversee the project.

Background Information: The purpose of this legislation is to provide funds to Historic Stanton, Inc. for building improvements, specifically repairing a portion of the roof that collapsed, mending minor leaks on subfloors, and boarding up the windows and other compromised entry points at the Historic Stanton school building, located at 521 West Ashley Street. The property was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1983 and designated as a landmark structure by City Council in 2013. The building represents the culmination of 150 years of African American education and is closely associated with the life and works of James Weldon Johnson. In April 2020, the historic building's roof collapsed, subsequently the property was condemned. This appropriation will assist with the cost of the renovation and restoration of the historic Stanton School building, specifically the boarding of multiple windows and roof repairs.

Policy Impact Area: Historic preservation

Fiscal Impact: Appropriation of \$156,290 from General Fund balance

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