

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2025-100

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Boylan

Date of Introduction: February 11, 2025

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

Date of Analysis: February 12, 2025

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

Bill Summary: This bill is an appropriation of \$500,000 from a General Fund Operating Designated Contingency account to the General Fund Operating Subsidies and Contributions to Private Org account, to provide a grant to We Care Jacksonville, Inc. Section 118.107, *Ordinance Code* is waived to allow for a direct contract; the conflict provisions in Section 118.805, *Ordinance Code* are waived so We Care may retain eligibility to apply for other City grants. The agreement between We Care Jacksonville Inc. and the City is authorized. The Grants and Contract Compliance Division of the Finance Department will provide oversight.

Background Information: The purpose of this legislation is to provide funds to We Care Jacksonville, Inc. for the JaxCareConnect Program. JaxCareConnect is a collaboration with Agape Family Health, Community Health Outreach, MASS Clinic, Mission House, Sulzbacher, Volunteers in Medicine, with the mission to ensure that every resident of Duval County has equitable access to high-quality, comprehensive healthcare. JaxCareConnect links patients without insurance to primary care medical providers. The program has received City funds since 2021, initially allocated by the Social Justice & Community Investment Special Committee through 2021-22-E, and receives additional funds from local foundations and partners, including the Riverside Hospital Foundation and the Jessie Ball duPont Fund.

Policy Impact Area: Healthcare - JaxCareConnect Program

Fiscal Impact: Appropriation of \$500,000

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