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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: 2021-317

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Salem

Date of Introduction: May 25, 2021

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

Date of Analysis: May 26, 2021

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

Bill Summary: This bill is an appropriation of \$133,800 from the Social Justice and Community Investment Special Committee Contingency to provide additional funding for the Mental Health Offender Program (MHOP). The bill authorizes the First Amendment to the Funding Agreement between the City of Jacksonville and the I.M. Sulzbacher Center for the Homeless, Inc. Pursuant to Section 126.107(g) (Exemptions), Part 1 (General Regulations), Chapter 126 (Procurement Code), *Ordinance Code*, such procurement is exempted from competitive solicitation because the supplies or services are to be provided by those specifically prescribed within authorizing legislation that appropriates the same. The Office of Grants and Contract Compliance will oversee the project.

Background Information: The Mental Health Offender Program is a jail diversion program for misdemeanor offenders with mental illnesses. It includes case management wrap-around services, housing, transportation, and communication needs, and is managed by the Sulzbacher Center. The appropriation will go towards stabilization rooms at Sulzbacher, 4 MHOP offices and necessary furnishings, cell phones/laptops, a passenger van/fuel, travel, training, and additional hours for psychiatry and case management staff. This program was recommended for funding through the Special Committee on Social Justice and Community Investment priorities selection process. In November 2020, \$200,000 from the Social Justice and Community Investment Special Committee Contingency was appropriated (with a match from JSO) to begin this pilot project and this additional appropriation will enable more comprehensive care/services for a target population with extremely acute mental health needs.

Policy Impact Area: Mental Health Offender Program

Fiscal Impact: Appropriation of \$133,800 from the Social Justice and Community Investment Special Committee Contingency

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