

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2024-35

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Boylan

Date of Introduction: January 10, 2024

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

Date of Analysis: January 10, 2024

Type of Action: *Ordinance Code* waiver, agreement amendment, designation of oversight agency and one cycle emergency passage

Bill Summary: This bill waives Section 110.112, *Ordinance Code*, to allow for a partial advance payment in the amount not-to-exceed \$500,000 to United Way of Northeast Florida, Inc., and it authorizes an amendment to the agreement between the City and United Way. The Grants and Contract Compliance Division will provide oversight of the Agreement. One cycle emergency passage is requested so United Way may be readily prepared to assist the eligible recipients and prevent evictions.

Background Information: Ordinance 2023-803-E appropriated \$1 million from the Special Council Contingency Fund to provide funding to United Way of Northeast Florida, Inc. to be used for an eviction diversion program. United Way, in coordination with Jewish Family and Community Services, Jacksonville Area Legal Aid and the Fourth Judicial Circuit Court, will administer the Program and will serve as a primary referral source for families facing eviction. The advance payment of \$500,000 will pay start-up costs for the Eviction Diversion Program and to have a portion of the funds on hand for distribution to those who qualify for assistance.

Policy Impact Area: Eviction Diversion Program

Fiscal Impact: Partial advance payment in the amount not-to-exceed \$500,000 of funds previously appropriated through 2023-803-E

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