

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2023-370

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council President at the request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: June 13, 2023

Committee(s) of Reference: Finance, NCSPHS, TEU

Date of Analysis: June 15, 2023

Type of Action: Grant appropriation and city match, CIP amendment

Bill Summary: This bill appropriates \$473,303.25, which comprises \$428,226.75 in grant funding awarded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), through the Florida Division of Emergency Management. The grant is a part of the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Program, and the City will contribute matching funds of \$45,076.50 from the General Fund Operating Contingency. The funds are earmarked for the design, engineering, surveying, permitting, and bid costs of a new standalone hurricane safe room for first responders. An amendment to the 2023-2027 Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan will reflect this allocation. The bill also provides for oversight by The Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department's Emergency Preparedness Division.

Background Information:

The project, awarded by FEMA on March 10, 2023, mandates a 10% match from the City. The construction of the hurricane safe room is a two-phased project—Phase I involves design, while Phase II encompasses construction. The scope of Phase I includes surveying, engineering, preparing design plans, obtaining permits, and bidding for the proposed project. No construction activities have been approved at this time. Once Phase I is completed, Phase II will receive approval from both the FDEM and FEMA. The proposed hurricane safe room will be designed to house up to 850 first responders, predominantly law enforcement and Urban Search and Rescue team members. The facility, approximately 20,000 square feet in size, aims to offer near-absolute protection to its occupants against winds reaching 180 mph and will be equipped with a permanent diesel generator ranging from 150 kW to 250 kW. The funding allocation of \$429,300.00 will go towards engineering and design costs, \$22,538.25 towards administrative support costs, and \$21,456 has been set aside as a contingency for the project.

Policy Impact Area: Emergency preparedness.

Fiscal Impact: Matching funds of \$45,076.50, and a grant appropriation of \$428,226.75.

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