

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2024-875

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Carrico

Date of Introduction: November 12, 2024

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

Date of Analysis: November 8, 2024

Type of Action: Appropriation

Bill Summary: This bill appropriates \$100,000 from a Designated Special Council Contingency to the General Fund Operating, Subsidies, and Contributions, to Private Organizations account to provide grant funding to Wegotchu Enterprises NPO, Inc., for the Wegotchu Salud Wellenses Program. The ordinance waives Section 118.107 of the Ordinance Code, which typically requires a competitive process for nonprofit funding, to allow a direct contract with Wegotchu. It authorizes the Mayor, or her designee, and the Corporation Secretary to execute the grant agreement with Wegotchu, with oversight by the Grants and Contract Compliance Division of the Finance Department.

Background Information: The Wegotchu Salud Wellness Program provides medical services, wellness plans, and education focused on treating and preventing infectious diseases for low-income residents in Duval County. The City funds will support staff salaries, rent, medical software, office supplies, personal protective equipment, and HIV/AIDS testing kits for the program. Wegotchu also offers a 90-day PrEP program, providing preventative treatment and support services, including workforce development and financial education, to individuals at high risk of contracting HIV.

Policy Impact Area: Public health and community wellness

Fiscal Impact: The bill appropriates \$100,000 as per designated contingency funds.

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