

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION  
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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**Bill Type and Number:** Ordinance 2026-0385

**Introducer/Sponsor(s):** Council Member J. Carlucci

**Date of Introduction:** May 12, 2026

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

**Date of Analysis:** May 11, 2026

**Type of Action:** Appropriation; *Ordinance Code* waiver; Grant agreement; Provides for oversight

**Bill Summary:** This bill appropriates \$25,000 from the Multiyear Programs and Initiatives – Council District 05 Community Benefits Agreement – Contingency Account to the General Fund Operating – Subsidies and Contributions to Private Org Account to provide funding to Happy Brew, Inc. for the Art Force Vocational Training Program. The bill provides for carryover to fiscal year 2026–2027; waives Section 118.107 (Nonprofits to receive funding through a competitive evaluated award process; waiver and disclosures), Part 1 (General Provisions), Chapter 118 (City Grants), *Ordinance Code*, to allow for a direct contract with Happy Brew; and approves and authorizes the Mayor, or her designee, and the Corporation Secretary to execute and deliver on behalf of the City a grant agreement with Happy Brew for a term commencing June 1, 2026 through May 31, 2027. The Grants and Contract Compliance Division of the Finance Department will have oversight of the grant.

**Background Information:** Happy Brew, Inc. operates a community café and outdoor performance venue at 3200 Hendricks Avenue in Council District 5. The Art Force Vocational Training Program is an inclusive workforce development program serving Duval County residents with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The Program provides structured, hands-on job training at the Happy Brew café with integrated occupational therapy and inclusive art and music programming. City funds will be used to pay for a vocational assistant manager to create and assist with the Program. The competitive evaluated award process under Section 118.107, *Ordinance Code*, is waived because the Program offers a unique opportunity for Duval County residents with intellectual and developmental disabilities to receive structured, hands-on job training. Happy Brew has provided the Affidavit of Disclosure required by subsection 118.107(b)(2), *Ordinance Code*.

**Policy Impact Area:** Workforce Development; Disability Services

**Fiscal Impact:** No additional appropriation required. The bill reallocates \$25,000 from the Multiyear Programs and Initiatives – Council District 05 Community Benefits Agreement – Contingency Account to the General Fund Operating – Subsidies and Contributions to Private Org Account.

**Analyst:** Libby