

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2020-765

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

Date of Introduction: December 8, 2020

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

Date of Analysis: December 10, 2020

Type of Action: Appropriation

Bill Summary: The bill appropriates \$6 million in reallocated Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding to the following uses:

- (1) provide \$1,772,963.20 in Small Business Relief Grant funding via pay cards to eligible small businesses;
- (2) provide \$1,500,000.00 in additional funding to The Jacksonville Bar Association, Inc. for continued operation and administration of the Eviction and Foreclosure Prevention Program;
- (3) provide \$1,000,000.00 in business relief grant funds to The Jacksonville Zoological Society, Inc. to cover economic losses stemming from continued business interruption as a direct result of COVID-19;
- (4) provide \$750,000.00 to offset Workers' Compensation expenditures incurred by the City as a direct result of COVID-19;
- (5) provide \$500,000.00 in business relief grant funds to Duval County Fair Association, Inc. d/b/a Greater Jacksonville Agricultural Fair Association to cover economic losses incurred due to cancellation of the Greater Jacksonville Agricultural Fair as a direct result of COVID-19; and
- (6) provide \$477,036.80 to the Business Relief Grant Program established pursuant to Ordinance 2020-328-E to provide funding to certain listed for-profit and non-profit businesses (churches, not-for-profit organizations, schools, and a labor union).

Background Information: The City received a total of \$167,120,861.00 of CARES Act grant funding from the U.S. Department of Treasury to help provide economic relief and assistance to individuals and businesses throughout the county suffering severe economic impacts stemming from COVID-related business shutdowns, public gathering limitations, and the like. The deadline for the funds to be encumbered for use is December 30th and \$6 million previously allocated to the Small Business Relief Fund, the Mortgage, Rent and Utilities Relief Program, the COVID-19 testing and other health needs contingency fund, the rent, loan, lease and parking fee relief contingency fund, and the Senior and Disabled Financial Assistance Program remain unspent. This bill reallocates the unencumbered funds to the uses listed above to ensure that they are encumbered for needed COVID relief programs by the December 30th deadline.

Policy Impact Area: CARES Act reallocation

Fiscal Impact: The bill reallocates \$6 million in unspent federal funding to new uses to ensure encumbrance before the end of the year deadline.

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