

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2023-867

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

Date of Introduction: December 12, 2023

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

Date of Analysis: December 14, 2023

Type of Action: Appropriation of US Environmental Protection Agency grant funds; designation of oversight department

Bill Summary: This bill appropriates \$67,340 in grant funds from the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to fund the purchase of new air monitoring equipment for particulate matter and ozone concentrations. It designates the Neighborhoods Department, Environmental Quality Division as the oversight and reporting department for the project.

Background Information: The City of Jacksonville applied for a US EPA grant on April 21, 2023, for the amount of \$67,340 to pay for the purchase of equipment that will enhance the monitoring of PM2.5 or other particulate matter pollutants in and near communities with environmental justice concerns, as well as other communities. As part of the grant application, the City pledged to complete deliverables including enhanced air monitoring and maintaining health-based air pollution standards to reduce the direct emission of particulate matter and other criteria air pollution from stationary and mobile sources that are protective of human health.

The City of Jacksonville was awarded the full amount of \$67,340 on June 30, 2023.

Policy Impact Area: Environmental quality; emissions reduction

Fiscal Impact: This bill appropriates \$67,340 in EPA grant funds for the purchase of emissions-monitoring equipment.

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