

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2024-432

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

Date of Introduction: May 28, 2024

Committee(s) of Reference: F, NCSPHS

Date of Analysis: May 30, 2024

Type of Action: Appropriation of funds; authorization of the reallocation of grant funds; providing for further Council action if revenue differs; approving positions and part-time hours

Bill Summary: This bill provides for participation in the Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG") Program and appropriates a total of \$7,571,578.61 for program costs, including \$6,853,388.00 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD"), \$229,472.40 from Reprogrammed Grant Funds, and \$488,718.21 from Program Income. It authorizes the City to execute federal program contracts for CDBG Program funds and to reallocate grant funds (in the event a sub-recipient is unable or unwilling to accept an award of CDBG funds, the funds may be reallocated to the next eligible awardee using the same method and criteria normally applied by the Commission for the award of CDBG funds). It approves positions and part-time hours for administration of these projects.

Background Information: HUD annually awards CDBG funds to local governments on a formula basis that the local government may, in turn, award to organizations to implement the CDBG program. The goals and objectives of the CDBG program are aimed at developing viable urban communities by providing decent affordable housing and a suitable living environment and associated supportive services to the most vulnerable in our communities, creating jobs through the expansion and retention of businesses, and expanding economic opportunities, principally for low and moderate-income persons and families.

The City of Jacksonville is expected to receive \$6,852,388.00 in CDBG funds from HUD on or about October 1, 2024. Pursuant to Section 34.203, Ordinance Code, the Jacksonville Housing and Community Development Commission is designated as the agency responsible for making recommendations to the Housing and Community Development Division on all CDBG grant funding awards made to qualified subrecipients, and the Commission has completed its 2024-2025 Universal Cycle application process and has recommended award of CDBG grant funding to various entities, projects, and programs.

Policy Impact Area: Community development

Fiscal Impact: This bill appropriates a total of \$7,571,578.61 in grant funds and program income for CDBG programs.

Analyst: Webb