

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2024-873

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Carrico

Date of Introduction: November 12, 2024

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

Date of Analysis: November 14, 2024

Type of Action: Appropriation; invocation of Procurement Code exemption; Ordinance Code waiver; designation of oversight agency

Bill Summary: The bill appropriates \$75,000 from a General Fund Operating Contingency account to the General Fund Operating, Subsidies and Contributions to Private Organizations account, to provide a grant to Family Nurturing Center of Florida, Inc. ("FNC") for the Visitation Sliding Scale Program. The Procurement Code exemption in Sec. 126.108(g) from competitive procurement requirements is invoked for a recipient named by City Council via ordinance, and the provisions of Chapter 118 – City Grants – requiring competitive procurement and prohibiting use of City funds for food and beverages are waived. The Grants and Contract Compliance Division of the Finance Department is designated as the City's oversight agency for the contract.

Background Information: This funding allocation was approved in the FY24-25 budget and the funds placed "below the line" pending development of a term sheet and grant agreement, which have been completed. FNC's Visitation Sliding Scale Program provides supervised exchanges and visitations to ensure that children can safely continue their bonds with their non-custodial parents, outside of the dynamics that may otherwise hinder their bond. The program will assist middle- and low-income residents with the copayments that are charged for supervised visitation services. Approximately 60% of the clients served earn an annual income of less than \$30,000 and this funding will directly allow FNC to lower their co-payment. This funding request is intended to cover programmatic and client expenses in FY 2024-2025.

Policy Impact Area: Children's services

Fiscal Impact: The bill appropriates \$75,000 from a designated contingency account to a project account for this contract.

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