

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2026-0155

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Members Howland, Gay, Freeman, Amaro, Carrico, Miller, Gaffney, Jr., Arias, and Pittman

Date of Introduction: February 24, 2026

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

Date of Analysis: February 23, 2026

Type of Action: Designate an agency to receive money from the Florida Crime Stoppers Trust Fund

Bill Summary: This resolution designates First Coast Crime Stoppers, Inc. as Duval County's agent for the purpose of applying for, receiving, and expending money from the Florida Crime Stoppers Trust Fund pursuant to Section 16.555, *Florida Statutes*, and Rule 2A-9.002, *Florida Administrative Code*, beginning July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2029. The bill directs the Legislative Services Division to send a copy of the resolution to the Attorney General's Office, Department of Legal Affairs, and First Coast Crime Stoppers, Inc. upon its adoption

Background Information: The State of Florida, pursuant to Section 16.555, *Florida Statutes*, established a Crime Stoppers Trust Fund. The Attorney General's Office, Department of Legal Affairs, is authorized to apply for state and federal grants that advance Crime Stoppers in Florida and deposit grant funds in the Crime Stoppers Trust Fund. These funds are then disbursed to units of local government upon application to the Department of Legal Affairs.

Proceeds from court costs imposed pursuant to Section 938.06, *Florida Statutes*, are deposited into a separate account within the Crime Stoppers Trust Fund to be used in the judicial circuit in which they were collected. Any county may apply for a grant from these funds; a grant may be awarded only to counties served by an official member of the Florida Association of Crime Stoppers and may be used only to support Crime Stoppers and their programs. Additionally, only one official member of the Florida Association of Crime Stoppers can be eligible for support per county. First Coast Crime Stoppers, Inc. is the one and only official member of the Florida Association of Crime Stoppers in the Fourth Judicial Circuit serving Duval, Nassau, Baker, Bradford, Clay, and Union Counties.

Policy Impact Area: Crime Stoppers Trust Fund

Fiscal Impact: No cost to the City.

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