

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2024-931

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Carrico

Date of Introduction: November 26, 2024

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

Date of Analysis: November 25, 2024

Type of Action: Appropriation

Bill Summary: This bill appropriates \$50,000 from the General Fund Operating Special Council Contingency account to the General Fund Operating Subsidies and Contributions to Private Organizations account to provide a grant to HOPE Across the Globe, Inc. (HATG) for its Mental Health and Behavioral Medicine Program. The ordinance waives Section 118.107 of the Ordinance Code, allowing a direct contract with HATG. The funds will cover a portion of the salary for a Care Coordinator and behavioral health professional services, enabling HATG to expand its capacity to serve residents. Oversight will be provided by the Grants and Contract Compliance Division of the Finance Department.

Background Information: The HOPE Mental Health and Behavioral Medicine Program supports Duval County residents suffering from or at risks of HIV/AIDS, hepatitis, and STDs/STIs. The program provides services regardless of an individual's ability to pay, aiming to address mental and behavioral health challenges that prevent patients from managing their medical conditions. The grant funding will allow for expanded outreach and care, offering flexible hours to accommodate patients' schedules.

Policy Impact Area: Public Health and Mental Health Services

Fiscal Impact: This bill appropriates \$50,000 from the General Fund Operating Special Council Contingency account to the General Fund Operating Subsidies and Contributions to Private Organizations account.

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