

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2025-718

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Carrico

Date of Introduction: September 9, 2025

Committee(s) of Reference: NCSPHS, F

Date of Analysis: September 9, 2025

Type of Action: Appropriation; waiver of ordinance code; one-cycle emergency passage

Bill Summary: This bill appropriates \$100,000 from the General Fund Operating Special Council Contingency account to the Kids Hope Alliance (KHA) Fund - Essential Services Plan-Special Needs - Subsidies and Contributions to Private Org Account category to provide funding to Allofus Together Foundation, Inc. for the Awareness for Autism Program. The ordinance provides for carryover to Fiscal Year 2025-2026, amends the Thirteenth Revised Schedule M to Ordinance 2024-511-E, waives Section 77.111(a) of the Ordinance Code to exempt services provided under the agreement from competitive procurement, authorizes execution of a grant agreement between the City and Allofus Together Foundation, assigns oversight to the Kids Hope Alliance, and requests one cycle emergency passage.

Background Information: The purpose of this legislation is to fund the Awareness for Autism Program, administered by Allofus Together Foundation, Inc., which promotes autism spectrum disorder (ASD) awareness and provides support in underserved Duval County communities. The program educates individuals and families, fosters community connection, and equips community leaders and service providers with culturally responsive strategies to support individuals with autism. Funds will be used to offset program costs, including educational workshops, family coping strategy sessions, group support activities, creation and distribution of resource kits with local service information, policy advocacy efforts, and media and marketing expenses. The ordinance amends Schedule M of Ordinance 2024-511-E to reflect the appropriation. A waiver of Section 77.111(a) is necessary to allow KHA to contract directly with Allofus Together for program services.

Policy Impact Area: Children disability services

Fiscal Impact: This bill appropriates \$100,000 from the General Fund Operating Special Council Contingency account to the Kids Hope Alliance Fund – Essential Service Plan-Special Needs to support the Awareness for Autism Program.

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