

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2024-169

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

Date of Introduction: February 27, 2024

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

Date of Analysis: February 29, 2024

Type of Action: Appropriation of federal grant funds; designation of an oversight department

Bill Summary: This bill appropriates \$1,425,000 in grant funding from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (“DHS”) Federal Emergency Management Agency (“FEMA”), through the Florida Division of Emergency Management, with no local match, to the Urban Area Security Initiative (“UASI”) Grant and to fund three new positions within the Jacksonville Fire & Rescue Department. It designates the Jacksonville Fire & Rescue Department (“JFRD”) as the oversight department for the project.

Background Information: The UASI program provides funding to states and localities to enhance regional preparedness and capabilities in designated high-threat, high-density areas. The UASI funding will be used to enhance regional capacity and preparedness of the City of Jacksonville Metropolitan Area in the event of a terrorist act, purchasing equipment, providing training, and planning and conducting exercises in the event of a terrorist incident.

The bill authorizes one Emergency Preparedness Program Administrator position and two Emergency Preparedness Planner – Watch Officer positions within JFRD.

Policy Impact Area: Terrorism prevention & emergency preparedness

Fiscal Impact: This bill appropriates \$1,425,000 in FEMA grant funds to aid in terrorism prevention and preparedness efforts with no City match.

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