

# CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

## LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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**Bill Type and Number:** Ordinance 2022-772

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

**Date of Introduction:** October 11, 2022

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

**Date of Analysis:** October 11, 2022

**Type of Action:** Appropriation, position authorization and designation of oversight agency

**Bill Summary:** This bill is an appropriation of \$268,355 (\$203,846 in grant funds from AmeriCorps Seniors and an additional appropriation of \$64,509 from General Fund Operating Fund Balance for the City match) for the Duval County Senior Companion Program. This appropriation represents funding for year two of the Grant, and the Grant period commences July 1, 2021 and ends June 30, 2024. This bill approves the position and part-time hours for clerical support staffing. The Senior Services Division of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services will provide oversight.

**Background Information:** The purpose of this legislation is to provide funds for year two of the three-year grant to support the Duval County Senior Companion Program, which focuses on providing aid and friendship to older adults who have difficulty with daily living tasks by connecting eligible seniors with Program volunteers. The Duval County Senior Companion Program serves seniors aged 60 years and older who have one or more physical, emotional, or mental health limitations and who need assistance to achieve and maintain a higher level of independent living. The appropriated funds will be used for: staff salary and benefits, volunteer stipends, meals and mileage, volunteer recognition events, supplies, training and travel. Volunteers perform tasks such as shopping, paying bills, and providing escorted services to medical appointments and other places as needed, while also providing companionship, which is intended to assist seniors to live independently in their homes for as long as possible, with the same or an improved quality of life.

**Policy Impact Area:** Duval County Senior Companion Program

**Fiscal Impact:** Appropriation of \$268,355 as initiated by B.T. 22-111

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