

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION  
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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**Bill Type and Number:** Ordinance 2024-932

**Introducer/Sponsor(s):** Council President White

**Date of Introduction:** November 26, 2024

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

**Date of Analysis:** November 25, 2024

**Type of Action:** Appropriation and Waiver of Procurement Code

**Bill Summary:** This bill appropriates \$38,091 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 Ben's Place Services, Inc., for its Low-Cost Transitional Day Program. The ordinance waives Section 118.107 of the Ordinance Code, allowing a direct contract with Ben's Place. Funds will support the salary of a Social Skills Coordinator and cover costs for office, craft, and other supplies. Oversight will be provided by the Grants and Contract Compliance Division of the Finance Department.

**Background Information:** Ben's Place Services, Inc., has provided social and educational opportunities for adults with disabilities for over 20 years. The program helps individuals aged 22 and older, who have timed out of high school, to maintain social connections, learn life skills, and participate in recreational activities. It also offers caregivers respite to attend to personal needs while their loved ones engage in program activities.

**Policy Impact Area:** Disability services

**Fiscal Impact:** This bill appropriates \$38,091 from the General Fund Operating Special Council Contingency account to the General Fund Operating Subsidies and Contributions.

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