

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2021-761

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Members Diamond, Ferraro and Carlucci

Date of Introduction: October 12, 2021

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

Date of Analysis: October 14, 2021

Type of Action: Ordinance Code amendment

Bill Summary: The bill amends Ordinance Code Chapter 118 – City Grants – to create a new Section 118.107 – *Nonprofits to receive funding through a competitive evaluated award process*. It also amends Chapter 602 – Jacksonville Ethics Code – to create a new Section 602.413 – *Additional disclosure requirements for council members employed by nonprofit organizations receiving funding from City*.

Background Information: The new provisions in the City Grants chapter require that all City funds appropriated to nonprofit organizations shall be subject to a competitive evaluated award process either under Chapter 118 or under Chapter 126, the City's Procurement Code. The new provisions in the Ethics Code require that in the event a non-profit organization applying for City funding employs a member of the City Council, that council member shall provide to the City, on or before the funding application deadline: 1) a copy of the non-profit organization's most recent annual audit; 2) a copy of the nonprofit organization's most current IRS 990 form; 3) evidence that the council member is employed by the nonprofit organization and a narrative explanation of the duties and services that the council member provides for the organization; and 4) an affidavit (on a form provided by the Ethics Oversight and Compliance Office) disclosing the council member's employment with the organization; providing evidence that the organization is a registered 501(c)(3) entity under the IRS tax code; disclosing whether the council member is an officer, director, partner or owner of the organization; stating that the council member's salary from the organization will not be paid from City funds and that the member will not receive any financial gain from the City funding; stating that the council member has not in any way participated or been personally involved in the City's decision to fund the non-profit, nor will be involved in any way in the future; and stating that to the council member's knowledge, no funding received by the nonprofit organization from the City will go to an entity to which the council member has a majority or controlling interest.

Policy Impact Area: City funding of non-profit organizations employing or led by City Council members

Fiscal Impact: Undetermined

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