

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: 2021-760

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Salem

Date of Introduction: October 12, 2021

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

Date of Analysis: October 13, 2021

Type of Action: Appropriation, agreement authorization, *Ordinance Code* exception, designation of oversight agency and one cycle emergency passage

Bill Summary: This bill is an appropriation of \$11,516 for a contract coordinator position for the Mental Health Offender Program. The Funding Agreement between the City of Jacksonville and the Fourth Judicial Circuit Courts of Florida is authorized. The exception to Section 126.107(g), *Ordinance Code* is invoked to authorize the procurement of professional services of the Fourth Judicial Circuit Courts. The Office of Grants and Contract Compliance will oversee and ensure compliance for the project. The nature of the emergency is the urgency of mental health needs.

Background Information: MHOP is a jail diversion program for misdemeanor offenders with mental health issues, intended to break the cycle of repeated misdemeanor arrests and provide them the wrap-around support they need to successfully treat their illness and reintegrate back into the community. Wrap around services include medical, dental, behavioral health, substance abuse, housing and intensive case management that connects them to stable income through either job counseling and training or SSI, SSDI, Medicare/Medicaid and other community services. MHOP is a partnership between COJ, JSO, SAO, Public Defender, Duval Courts, and the Sulzbacher Center. This appropriation will enable MHOP to hire a Mental Health Initiative Jail Coordinator, to be housed in the court system, to assist with program operations.

Policy Impact Area: Mental Health Offender Program (MHOP)

Fiscal Impact: Appropriation of \$11,516

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