

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION  
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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**Bill Type and Number:** Ordinance 2021-849

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

**Date of Introduction:** November 23, 2021

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

**Date of Analysis:** November 24, 2021

**Type of Action:** Appropriation; fiscal year carry-over; authorization to execute grant agreement; invocation of Procurement Code direct contracting exemption; designation of oversight agency

**Bill Summary:** The bill appropriates \$500,000 (\$250,000 from the Council President Contingency Account and \$250,000 from the Contingency for FIND Grants Account) to Edward Waters University (EWU) for renovation of the university's Community Wellness and Fitness Center. The funds are authorized to carry-over to fiscal year 2022-23. The administration is authorized to execute an agreement with EWU for the project funding. The direct contracting exception in Sec. 126.107(g) of the Procurement Code is invoked to permit the funding of the project without a competitive procurement process. The bill designates the Public Works Department as the City's oversight agency for the project.

**Background Information:** Edward Waters University commits to making the facilities of the university's Community Wellness and Fitness Center available to the general public in the New Town/Northwest Jacksonville area for community and public use through its existing Schell-Sweet Community Resource Center and Center for Health Disparities. The facility will provide access to a quality wellness/fitness center to a currently underserved population. The City funds will pay for renovation of the current facility (interior demolition, new flooring, ceiling tiles, painting, electrical, plumbing and HVAC repairs totaling \$369,400) and for purchase of new fitness equipment (free weights, treadmills, stationary bikes, etc. totaling \$130,600).

**Policy Impact Area:** Public health improvement

**Fiscal Impact:** The bill appropriates \$250,000 from the Council President Contingency Account and \$250,000 from the Contingency for FIND Grants Account

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