

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2023-0338

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

Date of Introduction: May 23, 2023

Committee(s) of Reference: NCSPPHS, Finance

Date of Analysis: May 25, 2023

Type of Action: Grant appropriation and position authorization

Bill Summary: This bill involves the appropriation of \$3,028,862.00 in annual grant funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) program. It also authorizes the program manager position, fully funded by HOPWA grant dollars, to provide services supporting the HOPWA program.

Background Information: The HOPWA program, administered by the Housing and Community Development Division, was established to provide housing assistance and related supportive services to eligible low-income persons living with HIV/AIDS and their families. Funds from the HOPWA program can be used for a variety of housing, social services, program planning, and development costs benefiting eligible persons and their families. This includes the acquisition, rehabilitation or new construction of housing units, costs for facility operations, rental assistance, short-term payments to prevent homelessness, substance abuse treatment, mental health treatment, nutritional services, job training and placement assistance, and assistance with daily living activities. HOPWA service providers include Gateway Community Services, Lutheran Social Services, NE FL AIDS Network, Catholic Charities, JASMYN, and River Region. The HOPWA funds must be spent within 36 months following HUD's signing of the grant agreement.

Policy Impact Area: Housing opportunities for persons with AIDS.

Fiscal Impact: The bill is an appropriation of \$3,028,862.00 in grant funds from HUD.

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