

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2024-162

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Boylan

Date of Introduction: February 27, 2024

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

Date of Analysis: February 29, 2024

Type of Action: Appropriation of funds; providing for carryover of funds to Fiscal Year 2024-2025; invoking an exemption in the Ordinance Code; waiver of a section of the Ordinance Code; request for one-cycle emergency passage

Bill Summary: This bill appropriates \$1,500,000 from the Designated Contingency account to the Subsidies and Contributions to Private Organizations for health care provisions. This appropriation includes \$500,000 for We Care Jacksonville, Inc., for the provision of fiscal agent services for the program, and \$1,000,000 to be split among six charitable healthcare clinics for the provision of healthcare services to the uninsured and under-resourced residents of Duval County, with each organization receiving either \$166,666.67 or \$166,666.66. These six charitable organizations are:

1. Agape Community Health Center, Inc.
2. WestJax Outreach, Inc. (doing business as Community Health Outreach)
3. Muslim American Social Services, Inc.
4. Mission House, Inc.
5. I.M. Sulzbacher Center for the Homeless, Inc.
6. Volunteers in Medicine Jacksonville, Inc.

The bill allows for the appropriated funds to carry over to Fiscal Year 2024-2025, and it invokes the exemption in Section 126.107(g) of the Ordinance Code to allow for a direct contract between the City and We Care Jacksonville, Inc. and the six healthcare clinics previously named. It waives Section 118.107 to allow for a direct contract between the City and We Care Jacksonville, Inc. and the six healthcare clinics previously named. It requests one-cycle emergency passage.

Background Information: Over 100,000 individuals in Duval County are not insured in healthcare insurance programs. Each of the listed charitable organizations either provides healthcare services to uninsured or under-insured individuals or provides services that assist individuals in registering for healthcare programs for which they are eligible. The contract/grant term extends from March 1, 2024 to February 28, 2025, so an authorization of the carryover of funds to the next fiscal year is required, as is a waiver of Section 118.007 to allow for direct contracting with non-profit organizations. The nature of the emergency is that there is a significant and immediate need to provide improved access to healthcare for the uninsured population.

Policy Impact Area: Healthcare

Fiscal Impact: This bill appropriates \$500,000 to We Care Jacksonville, Inc., and \$1,000,000 total to various non-profit organizations.

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