

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2025-647

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

Date of Introduction: August 26, 2025

Committee(s) of Reference: NCSPHS, F

Date of Analysis: August 22, 2025

Type of Action: Appropriation; authorization of positions

Bill Summary: This bill appropriates \$329,091.00 for the Duval County Senior Companion Program, as initiated by B.T. 25-106. The funding consists of \$264,582.00 in grant funds from AmeriCorps Seniors and a \$64,509.00 City match from the Federal Matching Grants Activity Contingency Account. The bill authorizes two full-time positions and 1,300 part-time hours within the Senior Services Division, as initiated by R.C. 25-158. Oversight is assigned to the Senior Services Division of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services.

Background Information: This legislation provides funding for year two of a three-year AmeriCorps Seniors grant to support the Duval County Senior Companion Program. The program provides aid and companionship to older adults aged 60 and over who have physical, emotional, or mental health limitations that affect daily living. Volunteers assist with shopping, paying bills, and escorting seniors to medical appointments, while also offering companionship to help participants live independently with an improved quality of life. The grant and matching funds will be used for program staff salaries and benefits, volunteer stipends, meals and mileage reimbursements, recognition events, supplies, training, and travel. The bill also authorizes staffing through two full-time positions and 1,300 part-time hours within the Senior Services Division.

Policy Impact Area: Senior services

Fiscal Impact: The total appropriation is \$329,091.00, consisting of \$264,582.00 in AmeriCorps Seniors grant funds and a \$64,509.00 City match from the Federal Matching Grants Activity Contingency Account. The grant period runs from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027, with this funding covering year two of the grant.

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