

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2021-847

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

Date of Introduction: November 23, 2021

Committee(s) of Reference: NCSPHS, F

Date of Analysis: November 24, 2021

Type of Action: Appropriation; approving positions and part-time hours; designating oversight agency

Bill Summary: The bill appropriates \$415,774 in federal grant funds from the U.S. Department of Justice's Bureau of Justice Assistance to fund several crime control and prevention programs and City assistance to those programs. It authorizes 4 grant funded positions and part time hours. The Office of Grant and Contract Compliance is designated as the City's oversight agency for the grant and the positions.

Background Information: The Department of Justice grant was originally awarded in 2017 and the expiration of the grant has recently been extended from September 2021 to September 2022. The grant will fund the following programs: the DAWN (Developing Adults With Necessary Skills) and InVEST programs. provides General Education Development (GED) and adult basic education instruction, life skills and job training, and transitional counseling classes to adults aged 18 and over who are incarcerated in Jacksonville Sheriff's Office facilities. The InVEST program involves a collaborative effort between the City's Victim Services Center, the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office, and Hubbard House, Inc. to assist victims of domestic violence. In addition, the grant funds will be used to support the creation of a Community Crime Strategies Unit that will work in coordination with the Fourth Judicial Circuit State Attorney's Office to develop a community-based presence that seeks to solve crime-related problems and to empower the community. Finally, as required pursuant to the conditions of the grant, three percent (3%) of the grant funds awarded (\$12,743.00) will be used offset the costs for contractual services to complete analyses, gather and map out data processes, and build the reports required for compliance with the DOJ National Incident Based Reporting System data submission requirements.

Policy Impact Area: Crime prevention

Fiscal Impact: The bill appropriates \$415,774 in federal grant funds with no local match required

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