

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2024-690

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

Date of Introduction: August 27, 2024

Committee(s) of Reference: NCSPHS, F

Date of Analysis: August 29, 2024

Type of Action: Authorization to file grant application; designation of oversight agency; request for emergency approval on one committee cycle

Bill Summary: The bill authorizes the filing of a grant application with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for a \$275,000 grant to apply toward the cost of renovating and modernizing the Jacksonville Canning Center located at the Florida Agricultural Extension office on McDuff Avenue. The Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services is designated as the City's oversight agency for the grant. Emergency approval on second reading is requested.

Background Information: The City's canning kitchen has operated for decades, offering individuals, groups, and small business entrepreneurs the opportunity to package and preserve foods using the kitchen's equipment. By Ordinance 2023-349-E, the City Council approved \$500,000 in funding for the Project which funds will complete the first phase of the Project and bring the electrical, mechanical, and plumbing up to code. The additional grant funds, if received, would fund the development of kitchenettes/cooking studios, modern canning stations, and a cottage food classroom, to provide citizens with rental and educational opportunities for food preparation, preservation, and cottage food entrepreneurship. The City desires to establish the Canning Center as a 16 qualified agriculture education and promotion facility to qualify for additional funding for the Project by the State of Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS) pursuant to Section 288.1175, Florida Statutes. The fast-track approval is requested in order to get the grant submitted in a timely manner.

Policy Impact Area: Canning kitchen improvements

Fiscal Impact: None; previously appropriated funds will provide the necessary grant match

Analyst: Clements