

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2024-818

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member White

Date of Introduction: October 8, 2024

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

Date of Analysis: October 10, 2024

Type of Action: Appropriation; reporting requirement; invocation of Procurement Code direct contracting exemption; Ordinance Code waiver; authorization to execute agreement; designation of oversight agency; request for emergency passage upon introduction

Bill Summary: The bill appropriates \$150,000 from the Council Contingency to the Subsidies and Contributions to Private Organizations account, to provide City funds to the American Red Cross North Florida Region (“Red Cross”) for pre- and post-disaster relief efforts in Duval County. It requires the Red Cross to provide a report on the expenditure of City funds to the City Council within 90 days of expenditure. The Procurement Code’s exemption for direct contracting (Section 126.108(g)) is invoked and Code Section 118.107 (Nonprofits to receive funding through a competitive evaluated award process) is waived. The administration is authorized to execute an agreement with American Red Cross North Florida Region in an amount not-to-exceed \$150,000 for disaster relief services and support. The Grants and Contract Compliance Division of the Finance Department is designated as the City’s oversight agency for the agreement. Emergency passage upon introduction of the legislation is requested due to the impending arrival of Hurricane Milton.

Background Information: The bill’s preamble states that the Council wishes to provide financial assistance to offset the Red Cross’s costs to provide pre- and post-disaster relief services to the residents of Duval County and that it encourages other government agencies and entities and private organizations to offer financial support to the Red Cross in support of its provision of immediate and vital support to those affected by disaster events.

Policy Impact Area: Emergency response

Fiscal Impact: The bill appropriates \$150,000 from the Council Contingency fund.

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