

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2021-256

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Carlucci

Date of Introduction: April 27, 2021

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

Date of Analysis: April 30, 2021

Type of Action: Appropriation

Bill Summary: This bill appropriates \$50,000 from the Social Justice And Community Investment Special Committee contingency for the 2021 Florida Black Expo Spring Empowerment Summit; approves and authorizes the Mayor or his designee, and Corporation Secretary to execute and deliver, an agreement between the City of Jacksonville and The Pollock Group, LLC; invokes the exception in Section 126.107(G), *Ordinance Code*, to allow a direct contract with The Pollock Group, LLC to provide the services for the 2021 Florida Black Expo Spring Empowerment Summit; waives Section 110.112 (Advance of City funds; prohibition against), Part 1 (The City Treasury), Chapter 110 (City Treasury), *Ordinance Code*, to allow for partial advance payment by the City; provides for oversight by the Office of Grants and Contract Compliance, and requests a one cycle emergency passage

Background Information: The Florida Black Expo (FBX) showcases African American-owned small businesses supporting community services, employment opportunities, and educational resources. The expo has been an annual mainstay for the African American community on the First Coast for the past 17 years. The Pollock Group, LLC, will receive the funding and provide four vendor booths for COJ at no cost. The funding will support the following activities: Job Fair & Employability Skills Training (ages 18+), Entrepreneurship Training – Business Marketing, Development & Financial Management (ages 18+), and Teenpreneurship Training - Work Readiness, Life Success & Business Ownership (ages 14 - 18). These activities address the Social Justice and Community Investment Committee’s goal of equal access and opportunity for all citizens and economic development.

The FBX will focus on 6 Pillars of Success for the African American Community. The Pillars are entrepreneurship, jobs, wealth creation, health education – S.T.E.A.M for all ages, and History & Culture.

The schedule for the 2021 Florida Black Expo includes two dates:

- The FBX Spring Empowerment Summit – May 21-22, 2021
- The Florida Black Expo – August 28-29, 2021

Policy Impact: The Florida Black Expo

Fiscal Impact: The appropriation of \$50,000.00 to The Pollock Group, LLC.

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