

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2024-252

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council President Salem

Date of Introduction: March 26, 2024

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

Date of Analysis: March 28, 2024

Type of Action: Appropriation of funds; approving the mayor to execute and deliver an amendment to the services contract between the City and a nonprofit entity; waiver of a section of the Ordinance Code; designation of an oversight department

Bill Summary: This bill appropriates \$100,000 from the Council President’s Designated Contingency to the Mental Health Offender Program (“MHOP”) to pay for contractual services by I.M. Sulzbacher Center for the Homeless, Inc. (“Sulzbacher”) for the continued operation of a jail diversion program for mentally ill offenders through the MHOP. It authorizes the mayor to execute and deliver a sixth amendment to the services contract between the City and Sulzbacher for the continued provision of services for the MHOP.

It waives Section 118.107, allowing for a direct contract with Sulzbacher. It designates the Grants and Contract Compliance Division as the oversight department for the contract.

Background Information: The City of Jacksonville and Sulzbacher entered into a services contract dated February 8, 2021, for Sulzbacher to provide services for a jail diversion program for mentally ill misdemeanor offenders known as the Mental Health Offender Program. The amendment to the services contract increases the maximum indebtedness of the agreement by \$100,000 and attaches a revised FY 2023-2024 Budget for the program to reflect this appropriation.

The waiver of Section 118.107 of the Ordinance Code is required to allow for direct contracting between the City and a nonprofit organization.

Policy Impact Area: Jail diversion

Fiscal Impact: This bill appropriates \$100,000 from the Council President’s Designated Contingency for the continued operation of Sulzbacher’s Mental Health Offender Program.

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