

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2026-466

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Johnson

Date of Introduction: May 26, 2026

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

Date of Analysis: May 27, 2026

Type of Action: Appropriation; carryover; ordinance amendment; waiver of Sections 77.111 and 110.112, *Ordinance Code*; approve and authorize the Mayor and/or CEO of the Kids Hope Alliance (KHA) to deliver an agreement; provide for oversight; request one-cycle emergency passage.

Bill Summary: This ordinance appropriates \$125,000 from the Multiyear Programs and Initiatives—Council District 14 Community Benefits Agreement—Contingency account to the Kids Hope Alliance Fund—ESP—Out-of-School-Time—Subsidies and Contributions to Private Org account to provide funding to Vision for Excellence, Inc. (VFE) for the Summer and After School Discovery Experience Program. It amends the Third Revised Schedule M to Ordinance 2025-511-E. It waives certain requirements of Section 77.111, *Ordinance Code*, to exempt the services to be provided by the VFE from competitive procurement. It also waives Section 110.112, *Ordinance Code*, to allow a partial advance payment to VFE of up to \$31,250. The bill approves and authorizes the Mayor and/or the CEO of KHA to execute and deliver an agreement between the City and VFE and provides for oversight by KHA. It requests one cycle emergency passage.

Background Information: The purpose of the appropriation is to provide City grant funds to VFE for the Summer and After School Discovery Experience Program. The program provides several services and activities, including academic tutoring and homework assistance, literacy and math intervention, after-school enrichment activities, mentoring and leadership development, hands-on STEAM activities, social-emotional learning, health, wellness, and nutrition education, recreational and team building, and family engagement, all within a safe and structured environment. The services and activities supported by City funds will be held at Lew Brantley Park and the McGirts Creek Community Center in Council District 14. The City funds will be used for various costs to operate the program, including employee compensation, payroll taxes and benefits, and professional services.

A one-cycle emergency passage is requested to make funds available as soon as possible, as the program is scheduled to begin in early June.

Policy Impact Area: Summer youth programming, CBA

Fiscal Impact: This bill appropriates \$125,000.

Analyst: Russell