

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2025-471

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Gaffney, Jr.

Date of Introduction: June 24, 2025

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

Date of Analysis: June 20, 2025

Type of Action: Appropriation; waiver of Ordinance Code

Bill Summary: This bill appropriates \$125,000 from the FOBT Pipeline, Inc. – Contingency Account to the Local Initiative Support Corporation – Subsidies & Contributions to Private Organizations Account to provide funding to Local Initiatives Support Corp, d/b/a LISC Jacksonville, for the Small Business Employment Re-Grant Program. It provides for carryover to FY 25-26 and waives Sec 118.107 (Nonprofits to Receive Funding through a Competitive Evaluated Award Process), Pt 1 (General Provisions), Ch 118 (City Grants to allow a direct contract with LISC. Oversight by the Grants & Contract Compliance Division of the Finance Department.

Background Information: This legislation appropriates \$125,000 from the FOBT Pipeline, Inc. – Contingency Account to the Local Initiatives Support Corporation – Subsidies and Contributions to Private Organizations Account for the Small Business Employment Re-Grant Program. The program will provide grants ranging from \$10,000 to \$20,000 to support job creation and retention among small and micro-businesses in Duval County. The legislation waives competitive procurement requirements to allow a direct contract with LISC Jacksonville, who will oversee the application, scoring, and award process. The program will run from June 1, 2025, through May 31, 2026.

Policy Impact Area: Economic development; small business support

Fiscal Impact: This bill appropriates \$125,000 from the FOBT Pipeline, Inc. – Contingency Account.

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