

## CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

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**Bill Type and Number:** Ordinance 2019-0400

**Introducer/Sponsor(s):** Council Member Gulliford

**Date of Introduction:** May 28, 2019

**Committee(s) of Reference:** NCSPHS

**Date of Analysis:** May 31, 2019

**Type of Action:** Appropriation

**Bill Summary:** This bill appropriates \$6,449.30 from Council District 13 Loblolly Recreation/Parks Account to provide funding to the Jacksonville Beach Elementary Preservation Fund, Inc. to provide funding for improvements to the Rhoda L. Martin Cultural Heritage Center in Jacksonville Beach, located at 376 4th Street South, Jacksonville Beach, FL 32250; provides for reverter language; finds a municipal purpose; waives the requirements of Section 111.780 (Loblolly Wetlands Mitigation Special Revenue Fund) and Section 106.315 (District Council Expenditures), *Ordinance Code*, that funds be used on city property and be open to the public; waiving compliance with Section 106.315 (District Council Expenditures) as to procedures for appropriation of District Council funds; waives the relevant provisions of Chapter 118 (Miscellaneous Appropriations), *Ordinance Code*, as to auditing and compliance measures for grants from the City since the contract provides adequate compliance; authorizes the Mayor or his designee and the Corporate Secretary to execute a contract; appoints the Department of Parks, Recreation, Community Services to oversee the project; providing for direct procurement of contractual services pursuant to Section 126.107(G), *Ordinance Code*.

**Background Information:** Rhoda L. Martin started the first Beaches church for African Americans and the first Beaches school for black children in her home. In 1928, the county erected a four-room brick structure to house the school. The structure was preserved and relocated to its present location in 2007; and opened as a cultural center honoring Ms. Martin. The center showcases the rich cultural history of the African American educational experience in Jacksonville Beach. The structure needs a sign, flooring, and painting improvements. The improvements to the center are a necessary and valid use of City funds. The Jacksonville Beach Elementary Preservation Fund, Inc. is required to return funds if the property is not improved. Loblolly funds are specific to City property for capital improvements to Parks, and open to the public. Since the center is a museum that is open to the public and provides an important history, a waiver is requested.

**Policy Impact Area:** Rhoda L. Martin Cultural Heritage Center

**Fiscal Impact:** The appropriation of \$6,449.30 from Council District 13 Loblolly Recreation/Parks Account

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