

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2024-883

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Arias

Date of Introduction: November 12, 2024

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

Date of Analysis: November 8, 2024

Type of Action: Appropriation; waiver of Procurement Code

Bill Summary: This bill appropriates \$250,000 from a contingency account within the Kids Hope Alliance (KHA) Fund to provide funding for Walk-Off charities of Jax, Inc., specifically for the “Empowering Our Families Youth Program.” The ordinance authorizes a direct contract with Walk-Off charities, exempting this procurement from competitive solicitation per Section 126.108 (g) of the Procurement Code and waiving the competitive procurement requirement in Section 77.111 (a) of the KHA Code. Emergency one cycle passage is requested to facilitate timely program scheduling of upcoming clinics and leagues.

Background Information: Walk-Off Charities program aims to promote teamwork, resilience, and sportsmanship by providing youth with access to sports clinics, leagues, coaches, equipment, uniforms, and meals at no cost. The funds will help expand the program’s reach, serving over 2,000 children in the next year. The program, which is overseen by KHA, offers baseball and softball opportunities, equipment, and other resources for children aged 3 to 18 in underserved areas of Duval County.

Policy Impact Area: Youth development

Fiscal Impact: This bill appropriates \$250,000 from KHA contingency funds.

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