

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2020-367

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Dennis

Date of Introduction: June 23, 2020

Committee(s) of Reference: NCSPHS, F

Date of Analysis: June 25, 2020

Type of Action: Termination of grant/loan obligations and interagency agreements; authorizing execution of termination, release and/or satisfaction documents

Bill Summary: The bill forgives and terminates loan and grant agreements between the City and eight not-for-profit community development corporations and churches which provided financial assistance to those organizations to operate various affordable housing programs. It authorizes the administration to execute documents to terminate, release or satisfy those loan obligations.

Background Information: More than 10 years ago the City made \$5 million available via grants (\$3,113,872.27) and loans (\$1,886,127.73) through a Neighborhoods Initiative Program to a number of community development corporations and other not-for-profit entities to help with the provision of affordable housing. Almost all of the loan amounts remain outstanding and the bill's sponsor wishes to forgive and terminate the loan obligations to clear those debts from the books of the organizations to put them in better financial standing to pursue additional affordable housing opportunities.

The amounts to be forgiven by organization are as follows:

- First Baptist Church of Oakland - \$170,499.70*
- Fresh Ministries - \$200,000
- Habitat for Humanity of Jacksonville - \$331,190
- Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) - \$500,000
- Metro North Community Development Corporation - \$172,420.86
- North Riverside Community Development Corporation - \$126,068.20*
- Northwest Jacksonville Community Development Corporation – \$105,701.45
- Tri-State Community Development Corporation – 148,911.38*

The entities marked with asterisks (*) are listed as dissolved or defunct for the purposes the loan program.

Policy Impact Area: Affordable housing

Fiscal Impact: The bill authorizes the forgiveness of \$1,754,791.59 in loans made to the 8 listed organizations.

Analyst: Clements