

# CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

## LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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**Bill Type and Number:** Ordinance 2023-246

**Introducer/Sponsor(s):** Council President at the request of the Sheriff

**Date of Introduction:** April 11, 2023

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

**Date of Analysis:** April 11, 2023

**Type of Action:** Appropriation, agreement authorization, *Ordinance Code* waiver and designation of oversight agency

**Bill Summary:** This bill is an appropriation of \$135,000 from the Special Law Enforcement Trust Fund to procure contractual services and to fund various crime prevention and law enforcement activities in accordance with the *Ordinance Code* and Section 932.7055(5), *Florida Statutes*. The Fourth Amendment to the Services Contract between the City of Jacksonville and I.M. Sulzbacher Center for the Homeless, Inc. is authorized. Provisions of Section 118.107 (Nonprofits to receive funding through a competitive evaluated award process), Part 1 (General Provisions), Chapter 118 (City Grants), *Ordinance Code*, are waived to allow for an amendment to the Services Contract between Sulzbacher and the City of Jacksonville, because Sulzbacher has successfully operated the jail diversion program since the inception of the MHOP as a nine-month pilot project in 2020. The Grants and Contract Compliance Division will provide oversight.

**Background Information:** MHOP is a jail diversion program for non-violent misdemeanor offenders with mental health issues, intended to break the cycle of repeated misdemeanor arrests and provide them the wrap-around support they need to successfully treat their illness and reintegrate back into the community. The purpose of this legislation is to provide funds (\$125,000) to MHOP for the continued operation of a jail diversion program for mentally ill offenders through the Mental Health Offender Program, and to Florida FBI National Academy Associates, Inc. (\$10,000) for its annual Re-trainer program which provides training and networking opportunities for its members and attendees.

**Policy Impact Area:** Mental Health Offender Program and crime prevention activities

**Fiscal Impact:** \$135,000 as initiated by B.T. 23-073

**Analyst:** Hampsey