

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2025-781

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Arias

Date of Introduction: October 14, 2025

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

Date of Analysis: October 15, 2025

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

Bill Summary: This bill is an appropriation of \$15 million (including \$12,000,000 from a Special Council Reserve - Designated Contingency account and \$3,000,000 from a Special Council Reserve Contingency account) to Subsidies and Contributions to Private Org accounts (\$4,000,000) and Subsidies and Contributions to Other Govt accounts (\$11,000,000) to provide City funding for various programs and capital projects. The agreements associated with these projects are authorized. Provisions of Section 118.107 (Nonprofits to receive funding through a competitive evaluated award process; waiver and disclosures), Part 1 (General Provisions), Chapter 118 (City Grants), *Ordinance Code*, are waived to allow for direct contracts.

Background Information: The purpose of this legislation is to provide funds for various programs and capital projects, to include:

- \$1 million to Northeast Florida Builders Association, Inc. for design, permitting and construction of the NEFBA Workforce Development Center, a centralized hub for classroom and lab instruction, outreach, and community engagement
- \$2,675,000 to Edward Waters University, Inc. for design, permitting and construction of a “Living, Learning, Community Center” residential facilities for EWU students and visitors to the campus and a venue and multi-purpose space for the University and the public
- \$325,000 to Workforce Industrial Training, LLC for the Operation Boost Initiative year-round, cost-free training for residents of Duval County who face barriers to employment, enables 100 students to earn nationally recognized certifications and credentials in various skilled trades including, but not limited to, construction site safety, carpentry, electrical, flooring, forklift operations and warehouse operations
- \$6,000,000 to the University of North Florida for capital repairs and upgrades to Hodges Stadium and construction of additional grass practice fields at the facility, will allow UNF to market the facility as a premier venue to host various regional and national conferences and sporting events, the City may use the stadium and its surrounding facilities for mutually agreed community events as scheduling permits with waived rental fees
- \$5,000,000 to Florida State College at Jacksonville for the purchase of a building at Cecil Commerce Center to house the FSCJ Training Institute for skilled construction and logistics trades or advanced manufacturing

Policy Impact Area: Various workforce training programs and capital projects

Fiscal Impact: Appropriation of \$15 million

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