

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2025-0472

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Gaffney, Jr.

Date of Introduction: June 24, 2025

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

Date of Analysis: June 23, 2025

Type of Action: Appropriation; carryover; waive Section 118.107, *Ordinance Code*; waive Subsection 118.301(A)(3)(III), *Ordinance Code*; approve and authorize the Mayor to execute and deliver an agreement; designate oversight department

Bill Summary: This bill appropriates \$125,000 from the Special Council Contingency account to provide funding to Northside Community Involvement, Inc. (NCI) for the Communities with Resources Working Together for the Betterment of Jacksonville, Florida Re-Grant Program (Program). The bill waives Section 118.107, *Ordinance Code*, to allow for a direct contract with NCI and waives Subsection 118.301(A)(3)(III), *Ordinance Code*, to allow a portion of the City funds to be used for contributions and donations to other groups or organizations through the program. It also approves and authorizes the Mayor to execute and deliver an agreement between the City and NCI for the Program. It designates the Grants and Contract Compliance Division of the Finance Department as the oversight department.

Background Information: This appropriation aims to provide City grant funds to NCI for the Program. The Program is designed to create opportunities for small businesses, including not-for-profits, after-school programs, and other agencies providing services to the community, by offering grants for development and enhancement of programs and services that engage and serve the community. Entities qualified to receive grant funds through the Program would include those that offer projects or initiatives that support Council District 8 through services and programs pertaining to adult education, child development, crime prevention and intervention, clothing, housing, transportation, mental health services, and utilities. NCI will be the lead agency administering the Program and overseeing the grant application, scoring, and award process. NCI will ensure each subrecipient seeking reimbursement for qualified expenses under the program has provided the appropriate documentation and justification of expenditures reflecting adherence to applicable City Codes and policies before requesting funds from the City for reimbursement.

The bill also seeks to waive Section 118.107, *Ordinance Code*, because NCI is uniquely situated to administer this Program. It has operated within Council District 8 for more than 25 years and already provides guidance and assistance to the types of agencies that would qualify for these funds. It also waives Subsection 118.301(A)(3)(III), *Ordinance Code*, because the City funds would be allocated to qualified organizations through a competitive grant process that furthers the goals and objectives of Council District 8.

Policy Impact Area: Community services

Fiscal Impact: This bill appropriates \$125,000.

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