

# CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

## LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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**Bill Type and Number:** Ordinance 2022-818

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

**Date of Introduction:** November 9, 2022

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

**Date of Analysis:** November 8, 2022

**Type of Action:** Appropriation and CIP amendment

**Bill Summary:** This bill is an appropriation of \$840,160 from the Special Law Enforcement Trust Fund to procure contractual services and equipment and includes transfers of Fund dollars to other City funds for various crime prevention and law enforcement expenditures and activities in accordance with the *Ordinance Code* and Section 932.7055, *Florida Statutes*. The Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan is amended to include the expansion of the Firearms Laboratory project in the CIP and to reflect funding for the Project in FY 2022-2023.

**Background Information:** The Special Law Enforcement Trust Fund is composed of monies from the sales proceeds from law enforcement property seizures and forfeitures. According to Section 932.7055, *Florida Statutes*, monies from the Special Law Enforcement Trust Fund are to be directed to crime prevention and safe neighborhood programs, and the organizations listed support drug treatment, drug abuse education/prevention, crime prevention and school resource officers. The local law enforcement agency has the discretion to determine which program or programs will receive the designated proceeds, and will allocated as follows:

- \$225,000 for tactical body armor for the SWAT units.
- \$250,000 for expansion of the Firearms Laboratory which provides ballistic testing to support JSO investigations, the expansion will reduce the backlog of items waiting for ballistic testing to be completed. The backlog is due to the 56% increase in test fires since the lab began in 2018.
- \$70,160 to provide funding to reimburse the General Fund for Forfeiture related expenditures as per F.S.932.7055(4)c.
- \$12,500 to be transferred to the Teen Driver Special Revenue Fund (Fund 11522), as per Ordinance Code Section 111.365, to fund the Teen Driver Challenge Program.
- \$7,500 to be transferred to the Police Explorers Trust Fund (Fund 11524), as per Ordinance Code Section 111.340, to fund the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office Police Explorer Post.
- \$275,000 for a Mental Health Offender Pilot Program from the Office of the Sheriff Special Law Enforcement Trust Fund to fund a jail diversion program for the mentally ill offenders to be operated by the I.M. Sulzbacher Center.

**Policy Impact Area:** Special Law Enforcement Trust Fund

**Fiscal Impact:** Appropriation of \$840,160 as initiated by B.T. 23-013

**Analyst:** Hampsey