

# CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

## LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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**Bill Type and Number:** 2021-764

**Introducer/Sponsor(s):** Council President Newby

**Date of Introduction:** October 12, 2021

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

**Date of Analysis:** October 13, 2021

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

**Bill Summary:** This bill is an appropriation of \$4,600,000 from the designated contingency for Council identified priorities established by Ordinance 2021-463-E, consisting of Coronavirus relief, fiscal recovery, and critical capital projects funds received by the City from the federal government pursuant to the ARP Act, to subsidies and contributions to private organizations. The Finance and Administration Department will provide oversight for all contracts and expenditures. The Subrecipient Grant Agreements between the City of Jacksonville and the grant recipients are authorized. The Exception to Section 126.107(g), *Ordinance Code*, is invoked to permit direct contracts between the City and grant recipients. The nature of the emergency is that the ARP Act funds must be spent by September 30, 2022, and the ongoing effects of the global pandemic are immediately impacting small businesses, nonprofit organizations, and public health sectors of Jacksonville.

**Background Information:** The impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic have been severe and far-reaching, affecting all facets of the American economy and daily life. On March 11, 2021, the American Rescue Plan Act was signed into law and provided for the distribution of Coronavirus relief, fiscal recovery, and critical capital projects funds to state, territorial, tribal and local governments. The funds must comply with all applicable ARP Act grant requirements and are to be used for (1) small business economic assistance, (2) aid to nonprofit organizations, and (3) aid to social determinants of health programs. Each of the 19 council members were allocated \$242,105 to distribute as grants to organizations of their choosing.

**Policy Impact Area:** American Rescue Plan funds - Coronavirus relief

**Fiscal Impact:** Appropriation of \$4,600,000 American Rescue Plan funds

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