

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2024-250

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council President Salem

Date of Introduction: March 26, 2024

Committee(s) of Reference: F, R

Date of Analysis: March 28, 2024

Type of Action: Amendment of the Ordinance Code; request for one-cycle emergency passage

Bill Summary: This bill amends Section 84.304 and 84.306 of the Ordinance Code regarding eligibility to apply for Opioid Settlement Proceeds Grants and the review, evaluation, and scoring process for applications by the Opioid and Substance Use Disorder (“OSUD”) Grants Committee. It requests one-cycle emergency passage and provides for codification instructions. The amendments include:

- Requiring that all programs comply with the requirements of the Memorandum of Understanding (“MoU”) authorized by Ordinance 2021-659-E, which authorized the City of Jacksonville to join with the State of Florida and other local governmental units as a participant in the Florida MoU and formal agreements for the allocation and use of settlement dollars from opioid-related litigation;
- Specifying that all grant funds awarded must be used to expand or enhance the program for which they were awarded;
- Eliminating the section relating to submitting financial information for agencies exempt from filing federal tax returns;
- Requiring that the affidavit submitted as part of the application process specify that the program complies with the requirements of the MoU authorized by Ordinance 2021-659-E;
- Clarifying when an agency is not eligible to receive grant funds based on prior City funds received; and
- Requiring that applications must have an average score of 70 points or more to be awarded grant funds.

Background Information: Ordinance 2023-350-E created the Opioid and Substance Use Disorder Grants Committee to act as an advisory body for the City of Jacksonville to review, evaluate, and score grant applications to fund projects and programs aimed at combatting the opioid crisis. The Committee has expressed a desire to amend the enabling ordinance as shown above.

Policy Impact Area: Opioid disorder treatment and prevention

Fiscal Impact: No immediate fiscal impact

Analyst: Webb