

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2025-0683

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Johnson

Date of Introduction: September 9, 2025

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

Date of Analysis: September 5, 2025

Type of Action: Appropriation; carryover; amend Eleventh Revised Schedule M to 2024-511-E; waive certain requirements of Section 77.111, *Ordinance Code*; approve and authorize the Mayor to execute and deliver a Grant Agreement; provide for oversight; request one-cycle emergency passage.

Bill Summary: This bill appropriates \$10,000 from the Special Council Contingency account to the Kids Hope Alliance Fund—ESP—Out-of-School-Time—Subsidies and Contributions to Private Org account to provide a grant to the Academy of Scholars, Inc. for the Healing Through Arts Program. The bill provides a carryover for funds to FY 25-26. It also amends the KHA FY 24-25 budget by substituting the Twelfth Revised Schedule M for the Eleventh Revised Schedule M, to reflect the appropriation authorized by this bill. The bill waives certain requirements of Section 77.111, *Ordinance Code*, to allow KHA to directly contract with the Academy of Scholars for their program. It also approves and authorizes the Mayor and/or the CEO of KHA to execute and deliver a Grant Agreement on behalf of the City. KHA is designated as the oversight department. Finally, there is a request for one-cycle emergency passage pursuant to Council Rule 4.901.

Background Information: The purpose of the appropriation is to provide funding from the City to the Academy of Scholars for the Healing Through Arts Program. The Program focuses on youth from underserved communities by providing arts-based programming over an eight-week period during the summer. Participants receive instruction in poetry, music, visual arts, and performance, which culminates in an end-of-camp event that gives participants an opportunity to showcase their work. Additionally, the Program entails hosting two family/community engagement events that are open to the public and designed to create networking opportunities for participants and to celebrate their achievements. City funds will be used to cover costs incurred in FY 24-25 to operate the program.

Policy Impact Area: Youth programming, KHA, arts and culture

Fiscal Impact: The bill appropriates \$10,000 from the Special Council Contingency account.

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