

# CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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**Bill Type and Number:** Ordinance 2025-253

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

**Date of Introduction:** April 8, 2025

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

**Date of Analysis:** April 4, 2025

**Type of Action:** Appropriation; waiver of code

**Bill Summary:** This bill appropriates \$485,000 for the implementation of a Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant Program (CJMHSa Program) for the first year of a three-year grant term beginning April 1, 2025 and ending March 31, 2026. The appropriation includes \$400,000 in grant funds from the Florida Department of Children and Families, Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health, and an \$85,000 cash match from the Kids Hope Alliance (KHA) Fund. The bill authorizes a direct contract with Managed Access to Child Health, Inc. to provide professional services related to the implementation of the CJMHSa Program and waives the competitive solicitation requirements in Chapter 126 and Section 77.111(a) of the Ordinance Code. The ordinance also amends the KHA fiscal year 2024-2025 budget by substituting the Fourth Revised Schedule M to reflect the funding.

**Background Information:** The purpose of this legislation is to fund the first year of a three-year CJMHSa Program aimed at improving care coordination for juvenile justice youth exhibiting indicators of mental health needs, substance use, and/or trauma. The program will also expand access to community-based diversion resources to reduce the number of youth entering higher levels of care. The bill authorizes a direct procurement contract with Managed Access to Child Health, Inc. for the provision of services under the grant, and designates the Kids Hope Alliance as the oversight agency for administration of the program.

**Policy Impact Area:** Juvenile justice; mental health; substance abuse intervention; children's services

**Fiscal Impact:** This bill appropriates \$485,000 for the first year of the CJMHSa Program, including \$400,000 in state grant funds and an \$85,000 cash match from the KHA Fund.

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