CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2025-21

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

Date of Introduction: January 14, 2025

Committee(s) of Reference: NCSPHS, F

Date of Analysis: January 13, 2025

Type of Action: Appropriation

Bill Summary: This bill appropriates \$204,000 in grant funds from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement to the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office for the purpose of hiring and training two Fusion Center Analysts and one Critical Infrastructure Specialist for the Northeast Florida Fusion Center (NEFC). These positions will provide intelligence on crime trends and threats, analyze vulnerabilities, and address risks to Florida's critical infrastructure.

Background Information: The Florida Department of Law Enforcement awarded the City of Jacksonville \$204,000 for the period of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025. The funds will support hiring and training for the new analyst positions without requiring a local match. The grant aligns with the City's commitment to enhancing public safety and security through advanced analytical research and interpretive skills. This legislation ensures the funds are allocated effectively for the duration of the grants period.

Policy Impact Area: Public safety and security

Fiscal Impact: This bill appropriates \$204,000 in state grant funds with no matching requirement from the City.

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