

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: 2021-323

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

Date of Introduction: May 25, 2021

Committee(s) of Reference: NCSPHS, F

Date of Analysis: May 26, 2021

Type of Action: Continuation grant, appropriation, contract authorization and position approval

Bill Summary: This bill is an appropriation of \$6,908,112 in Community Development Block Grant funds from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”) to the City of Jacksonville for distribution to various award subrecipients to be spent on public services, economic development, public facilities, and any costs associated with administration or delivery of the CDBG program. The bill authorizes the Reallocation of Grant Funds in the event a sub-recipient is unable or unwilling to accept an award of CDBG funds, the funds may be reallocated to the next eligible awardee. If HUD approves a different allocation of CDBG grant funds than is appropriated, then the Mayor shall submit a supplementary budget to City Council for approval. The bill authorizes 22 federally-funded positions and 6,000 part-time hours.

Background Information: The purpose of this legislation is to expend the 2021-2022 available CDBG program income received from HUD, to award federal contracts (as appropriate) for the CDBG program, and to provide funding to various qualified organizations. The funds may be used for public service grants, economic development, public facilities, housing services, infrastructure improvements, and associated administrative costs. Specific uses include infrastructure improvements (\$3,513,697 for road resurfacing, sidewalk repairs, Main Library refresh, playground and community center improvements and capital improvements at Lutheran Social Services and River Region Human Services facilities); housing services (\$976,577 through the Housing and Community Development Division); and Housing and Community Development Division administrative costs.

Policy Impact Area: Community Development Block Grant

Fiscal Impact: Appropriation \$6,908,112 of CDBG program funding, as initiated by B.T. 22-001; no match from the City is required

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