

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2022-920

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council President Freeman

Date of Introduction: December 13, 2022

Committee(s) of Reference: R, F

Date of Analysis: December 15, 2022

Type of Action: Granting non-compliance forgiveness; authorizing action by Council Auditor; designation of oversight agency

Bill Summary: The bill grants forgiveness to several Cultural Service Grant (CSG) recipient agencies – Cathedral Arts Project, Jacksonville Arts and Music School, Players by the Sea, and Jacksonville Children’s Chorus – for non-compliance with a requirement of the CSG process for agencies to maintain separate bank accounts for the City’s grant funds, and authorizes the Council Auditor to remove those agencies from the Chapter 118 Non-Compliance List. The Office of Grants and Contract Compliance is designated as the City’s oversight agency for this issue.

Background Information: Ordinance Code Chapter 118 – City Grants – requires Cultural Service Grant recipients to keep cultural service grant funds in a separate bank account from other organizational funds. The four named agencies participated in a new CSG capital grants program in FY21-22 and, due to some confusion in the program’s instructions, inadvertently violated the separate bank account requirement by not keeping those capital funds in separate bank accounts. This bill removes those agencies from the Council Auditor’s Chapter 118 non-compliance list so that they will again be eligible to receive their usual Cultural Service Grant allocations for this fiscal year.

Policy Impact Area: Cultural Service Grant program compliance

Fiscal Impact: Removal from the Chapter 118 non-compliance list enables the four agencies to receive their FY22-23 grants, for which they would otherwise be ineligible.

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