

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2023-139

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council President Freeman

Date of Introduction: February 28, 2023

Committee(s) of Reference: NCSPHS, F

Date of Analysis: March 2, 2023

Type of Action: Appropriation

Bill Summary: The bill appropriates \$41,300 from the Renew Arlington CRA Trust Fund to provide funding for the maintenance and enhancement of a public artwork to be installed in the roundabout at the intersection of University Boulevard North and Merrill Road at the entrance to Jacksonville University. The bill finds that the appropriation meets a public purpose and provides for a reversion of the funds if the artwork is not installed within 3 years.

Background Information: Jacksonville University and the Cultural Council of Greater Jacksonville have commissioned a work of public art to be installed in the turbo roundabout at the entrance to JU to serve as a landmark for the Arlington community and symbol of the revitalization efforts of the Renew Arlington CRA. The installation, which was designed by a San Francisco artist and is being fabricated in Germany, will be a tall glass obelisk mounted on a steel frame atop a low stone base. The high-strength glass will be colorfully painted and will be illuminated at night. The artwork will be gifted to the City by JU and the Cultural Council. This appropriation from the Renew Arlington CRA Trust Fund to the Art in Public Places Trust Fund will provide funding for maintenance of the piece and enhancements of the roundabout associated with its installation.

Policy Impact Area: Public art; Renew Arlington CRA neighborhood revitalization

Fiscal Impact: The bill appropriates 41,300 from the Renew Arlington CRA Trust Fund to the Art in Public Places Trust Fund

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