

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2023-189

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Salem

Date of Introduction: March 14, 2023

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

Date of Analysis: March 14, 2023

Type of Action: Appropriation, disbursement of appropriated funds, contract authorization, *Ordinance Code* exemption and waiver, and designation of oversight agency

Bill Summary: This bill is an appropriation of \$48,750 from the General Fund GSD – Mental Health Offender Program Activity to the Mental Health Offender Trust Fund, and a disbursement of \$200,000 appropriated for the MHOP through Ordinance 2022-504-E. The third amendment to the service contract between the City and Sulzbacher is authorized to increase the maximum indebtedness of the agreement by \$322,500 (\$275,000 appropriated by Ordinance 2022-818-E and \$47,500 appropriated by Ordinance 2022-504- E), for a new total maximum indebtedness of \$1,253,800, and to extend the term of the agreement to September 30, 2023. The Exemption in Section 126.107(g), Part 1, Chapter 126 (Procurement Code), *Ordinance Code* is invoked for the continued services of Sulzbacher because such procurement is exempted from competitive solicitation. Section 118.107 (Nonprofits to receive funding through a competitive evaluated award process), Part 1 (General Provisions), Chapter 118 (City Grants), *Ordinance Code* is waived to allow for the extension of the service contract with Sulzbacher.

A Services Contract with the Public Defender’s Office, Fourth Judicial Circuit is authorized in an amount not to exceed \$90,000 (\$45,000 appropriated by Ordinance 2022-90-E and \$45,000 appropriated by Ordinance 2022-504-E), with the term of the contract being retroactive to September 28, 2022. A First Amendment to the Services Contract between the City and the State Attorney’s Office is authorized to increase the maximum indebtedness of the contract by \$45,000 (appropriated by Ordinance 2022-504-E) for a new total maximum indebtedness of \$90,000, and to extend the term of the contract to September 30, 2023. A First Amendment to the Services Contract between the City and the Fourth Judicial Circuit Courts of Florida is authorized to increase the maximum indebtedness of the contract by \$125,000 (\$62,500 appropriated by Ordinance 2022-90-E, and \$62,500 appropriated by Ordinance 2022-504- E) for a new total maximum indebtedness of \$175,000, and to extend the term of the contract to September 30, 2023. Amendments to Services Contracts for MHOP providers for the Reallocation of Funds Approved and Execution are authorized for up to an additional six months to allow additional time to expend the funds. The Grants and Contract Compliance Division will provide oversight.

Background Information: The purpose of this legislation is to provide funds for MHOP – a jail diversion program for misdemeanor offenders with mental health issues, intended to break the cycle of repeated misdemeanor arrests and provide them the wrap-around support they need to successfully treat their illness and reintegrate back into the community. Wrap-around services include medical, dental, behavioral health, substance abuse, housing and intensive case management that connects them to stable income through either job counseling and training or SSI, SSDI, Medicare/Medicaid and other community services. MHOP is a partnership between COJ, JSO, SAO, Public Defender, the Fourth Judicial Circuit Courts, and the Sulzbacher Center. The appropriated funds will pay for contractual services by Sulzbacher (for MHOP administration and management services), the SAO (for a portion of a State Attorney position to provide services for MHOP), the PDO (for a portion of a Public

Defender position to provide services for MHOP) and the Courts (for all or a portion of a Mental Health Initiative Jail Coordinator).

Policy Impact Area: Mental Health Offender Program

Fiscal Impact: Appropriation of \$48,750 from the General Fund GSD – Mental Health Offender Program Activity to the Mental Health Offender Trust Fund

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