

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2023-192

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Members Freeman, Salem, Ferraro, Pittman and Carlucci and Co-Sponsored by Council Member Howland

Date of Introduction: March 14, 2023

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

Date of Analysis: March 13, 2023

Type of Action: Designation of authorized agent

Bill Summary: This bill allows the First Coast Crime Stoppers to be designated as an agent of Duval County for the purpose of applying for and receiving money from the Florida Crime Stoppers Trust Fund for a period of three years, to expire in 2026. Legislative Services Division is directed to provide a copy of this Resolution to the Attorney General's Office, Department of Legal Affairs, and First Coast Crime Stoppers, Inc. upon its adoption.

Background Information: The Crime Stoppers Trust Fund was established pursuant to Section 16.555, *Florida Statutes* and is comprised of grant funds from state and federal sources, and the proceeds from court costs imposed pursuant to Section 938.06, *Florida Statutes*. Any county may apply for a grant from the funds collected in the judicial circuit in which the County is located, however a grant may be awarded only to counties which are served by an official member of the Florida Association of Crime Stoppers, and may only be used to support Crime Stoppers and their programs, and only one such official member is eligible for support within any county. First Coast Crime Stoppers, Inc. is the only official member of the Florida Association of Crime Stoppers in the fourth judicial circuit serving Duval, Nassau, Baker, Bradford, Clay and Union Counties.

Policy Impact Area: Authorizes First Coast Crime Stoppers an agent for Duval County

Fiscal Impact: No direct cost to the City

Analyst: Hampsey