

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION  
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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**Bill Type and Number:** Ordinance 2023-671

**Introducer/Sponsor(s):** Council President Salem

**Date of Introduction:** September 26, 2023

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

**Date of Analysis:** September 28, 2023

**Type of Action:** Ordinance Code amendment; appropriation; designation of oversight agency

**Bill Summary:** The bill amends Ordinance Code Chapter 111 – Special Revenue and Trust Accounts – to create a new Sec. 111.270 - Homelessness Initiatives Special Revenue Fund. It appropriates \$500,000 from the Council President’s Designated Contingency account and \$500,000 from the Mayor’s Task Force Contingency account to provide initial funding for the Homelessness Initiatives Special Revenue Fund. The Social Services Division of the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Community Services is designated as the oversight agency for expenditure of the funds.

**Background Information:** The purpose of the new Homeless Initiatives special fund is to be used to assist first-time homeless individuals or families to obtain temporary or permanent housing and other basic necessities (e.g. rent and/or utility assistance, security and other housing deposits, food, personal hygiene items, transportation vouchers, etc.). Funds shall be allocated to Duval County residents only who have recently become homeless or who are at immediate risk of becoming homeless. Individuals/families qualified to receive this funding may receive a one-time payment of up to a maximum of \$1,500.00 from this Fund. Funds shall be appropriated at a minimum on an annual basis in conjunction with the annual budget in an amount not-to-exceed 15% of the available balance within the Fund as of September 30 of the immediately preceding fiscal year.

**Policy Impact Area:** Homelessness assistance

**Fiscal Impact:** The bill appropriates \$500,000 from the Council President’s Designated Contingency account and \$500,000 from the Mayor’s Task Force Contingency account for future appropriation by the City Council.

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