

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION  
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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**Bill Type and Number:** Ordinance 2023-672

**Introducer/Sponsor(s):** Council Member Peluso

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

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

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

**Type of Action:** Authorization to execute amended grant agreement; ordinance waiver; designation of oversight agency; request for fast-track approval on second reading

**Bill Summary:** The bill authorizes the execution of an amended grant agreement between the City and LIFT JAX, Inc. to extend the term of the agreement by 4 months to January 31, 2024. It waives the provision of Ordinance 2021-516-E requiring that the grant funds be expended by September 30, 2023. The Neighborhoods Department is designated as the City's oversight agency for the grant. Emergency approval on second reading is requested.

**Background Information:** Via Ordinance 2012-516-E the City appropriated \$3 million in federal American Rescue Plan Act funds to LIFT JAX, Inc. to support the revitalization of the Eastside neighborhood via activities of the Eastside Affordable Housing Development program, which intended to acquire and renovate blighted apartments into quality housing units. The grant agreement required expenditure of the grant funds by September 30, 2023. LIFT JAX desires to use the remaining grant funds to purchase and renovate the Downtown East Apartments (formerly known as Franklin Arms) at the corner of Franklin and Jessie Streets in partnership with the Jacksonville Housing Authority, and has requested extension of the grant expenditure deadline to January 31, 2024 to allow additional time to close on the purchase of those apartments. The bill provides that the grant extension will be retroactive to October 1, 2023 while the ordinance goes through one committee cycle and comes to City Council for final approval at the Council meeting on October 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Policy Impact Area:** Eastside neighborhood revitalization

**Fiscal Impact:** The bill extends the grant expenditure deadline to allow use of the remaining funds before they would revert to the City.

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