

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2023-762

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council President Salem

Date of Introduction: October 24, 2023

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

Date of Analysis: October 26, 2023

Type of Action: Appropriation; amendment to MOA

Bill Summary: The bill appropriates a total of \$140,000.00 to the Women's Center of Jacksonville for the provision of sexual assault forensic medical exams and related services. \$70,000 of the appropriation comes from the Council President's designated contingency fund, and \$70,000 comes from the Mayor's task force contingency account. The bill authorizes the Mayor or her designee to execute an amendment to the Memorandum of Agreement between the City and the Women's Center to increase the maximum indebtedness of the Women's Center to the City to reflect the appropriation amount.

Background Information: The Women's Center of Jacksonville was founded in 1995 and became the first certified rape crisis center in Duval, Nassau, and Baker Counties in 2004.

The City entered into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Women's Center of Jacksonville, Inc. on October 1, 2014, with the Women's Center assuming responsibility for sexual assault forensic medical exams and related services for victims of sexual assault for Jacksonville and its surrounding areas. The Women's Center has requested this additional funding to offset a portion of the reduction in funding they expected to receive from the State of Florida.

Policy Impact Area: Public health, sexual assault response

Fiscal Impact: The bill appropriates \$70,000 from the Council President's Designated Contingency and \$70,000 from the Mayor's Task Force Contingency Account for a total of \$140,000.

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