

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2023-798

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council President at the request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: November 14, 2023

Committee(s) of Reference: F, R

Date of Analysis: November 16, 2023

Type of Action: Appropriation of grant funds, creation of oversight position, waiver of competitive bid requirement

Bill Summary: The bill appropriates \$1,075,000 – \$1,000,000 in grant funds from HHS, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration and a Kids Hope Alliance match in the amount of \$75,000 from the KHA Grant Fund – for the implementation and management of the Co-designing Rich Environments for All to Thrive Everyday (“CREATE”) Program for the first year of its four-year grant term, beginning September 30, 2023. It creates a position titled “KHA - Director of Grants Management” to oversee implementation of the project. It includes an updated KHA Schedule M for FY 23-24 to reflect the additional grant funds. It waives a section of the Ordinance Code that requires contracts for children’s services provided by third parties to be competitively procured, instead allowing KHA to directly contract with Managed Access to Child Health, Inc. to provide the necessary services. It designates KHA responsible for the administration of the grant and the CREATE program.

Background Information: On September 14, 2023, the Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) awarded the City of Jacksonville a \$1,000,000 grant for the creation of the CREATE program. The CREATE program was designed to address the needs to three priority populations of children: children and youth with special health care needs, those transitioning from pediatric to adult care, and LGBTQ+ children and youth. The Kids Hope Alliance (KHA), a funding agency for the City of Jacksonville that manages the implementation of various children’s and youth programs and services throughout Duval County, pledged a match of \$75,000 from the KHA grant fund.

Partnership for Child Health, doing business as Managed Access for Child Health, Inc., is a trans-disciplinary non-profit organization founded in 1993 that aims to provide direct services, programs, and systems of care that improve health outcomes for children throughout the community.

Section 77.111(a) of the Ordinance Code, which outlines Kid Hope Alliance’s scope and responsibilities, requires that third-party contracts be competitively procured via an evaluated bid process.

Policy Impact Area: Child health services

Fiscal Impact: This bill appropriates \$1,075,000 in grant funds to the CREATE Program. \$1,000,000 of these funds come from a SAMHSA grant, with the KHA providing a \$75,000 match.

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