

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2023-809

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Gaffney, Jr.

Date of Introduction: November 14, 2023

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

Date of Analysis: November 16, 2023

Type of Action: Appropriation of funds; waiver of a section of the Ordinance Code to allow for direct contracting; designation of oversight department

Bill Summary: This bill appropriates \$150,000 from the Special Council Contingency Account to the Subsidies and Contributions to Private Organizations Account to fund Northside Community Involvement's oversight of various community development projects in District 8. It waives the Section of the Ordinance Code that requires the City to use a competitive bid process in contracting with non-profit entities. It designates the Grants and Contract Compliance Division of the Finance and Administration Department as the oversight division for the project. As per the Grant Term sheet, \$135,000 of this appropriation shall be used to fund subrecipients, and \$15,000 shall be used for administrative costs.

Background Information: Northside Community Involvement, Inc. ("NCI") has been a vital resource for Jacksonville's hardest-hit areas for more than 25 years. It acts as District 8's lead agency in contracting with, consulting, and authorizing small businesses, non-profits, and other District 8 agencies that provide services to help those in need. NCI distributes funding on a reimbursement basis to subrecipients to develop and enhance programs that engage in crime prevention and intervention efforts, after-school programs, academic development, housing and utility assistance, and life-coaching and mentorship programs.

Funding to subrecipients will be awarded based on a competitive online application process that will consider the project's description and delivery, the applicant's background and history, budget and funding requirements, statement of problem and need, and expected outcomes and impact.

Section 118.107 of the Ordinance Code requires that nonprofit organizations receive funding through a competitive evaluated award process, but NCI is uniquely situated to administer this program because it has operated within the targeted communities for more than 25 years and already provides guidance and assistance to the various types of agencies who would qualify to receive this funding.

Policy Impact Area: District 8 community development projects

Fiscal Impact: This bill appropriates \$150,000 from the Special Council Contingency Fund to NCI to fund various community development projects in District 8.

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