

# CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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**Bill Type and Number:** Ordinance 2023-839

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

**Date of Introduction:** November 28, 2023

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

**Date of Analysis:** November 30, 2023

**Type of Action:** Appropriation of federal grant funds; providing for oversight department; requesting one-cycle emergency passage

**Bill Summary:** This bill appropriates \$1,000,000 in grant funds from the Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) to provide funding for climate control and greenhouse gas reduction activities in Jacksonville.

The project requires that the oversight department, which will be the Planning and Development Department, complete a Priority Climate Action Plan, a narrative report that includes a focused list of high-priority, implementation-ready measures to reduce Greenhouse Gas pollution, by March 1, 2024. It requires that the oversight department complete a Comprehensive Climate Action Plan, a narrative report that will touch on all significant Greenhouse Gas sources and sectors present in the area along with the establishment of near-term and long-term Greenhouse Gas emission reduction goals, with a deadline of two years from the date of the award.

The bill allows the carryover of appropriated funds to FY 2026-2027 given the timeframe of the project. It establishes the Planning and Development Department as the oversight department, and it requests one-cycle emergency passage considering the first deadline in March 2024.

**Background Information:** The EPA awards Climate Pollution Reduction Grants to states and local governments to develop and implement ambitious plans for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and other harmful air pollution. The City of Jacksonville was awarded a grant of \$1,000,000 on September 5, 2023, with the EPA paying for the full cost of the project.

**Policy Impact Area:** Environmental protection and greenhouse gas emission reduction

**Fiscal Impact:** \$1,000,000 in EPA grant funds

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