

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2024-168

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

Date of Introduction: February 27, 2024

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

Date of Analysis: February 29, 2024

Type of Action: Transfer of federal grant funds; authorization of positions; invoking an exemption in the Ordinance Code; designation of an oversight department; providing for carryover of funds to Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Bill Summary: This bill transfers \$802,300.54 in federal grant funds from Permanent and Probationary Salaries and Associated Fringe Benefits to Contractual Services to expand the City's existing contract with Family Foundations of Northeast Florida, Inc., to provide intervention and prevention services related to mental health and violence intervention as well to provide funding for one new position within the Grants and Contracts Compliance Division. It invokes the exemption in Section 126.107(a) of the Ordinance Code; this procurement does not require competitive solicitation as the services are prevention services related to mental health. It allows the appropriated funds to carry over to Fiscal Year 2024-2025 and designates the Grants and Contract Compliance Division of the Department of Finance and Administration as the oversight department for the project.

Background Information: The City Council approved an appropriation to fund the Mayor's Violence Reduction Center Community Based Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative via Ordinance 2023-188-E. Family Foundations of Northeast Florida, Inc., proposed to provide mental health and financial wellness services to the Cure Violence staff members to assist clients with becoming emotionally and financially stable through a combination of group meetings, psycho-educational and financial education group sessions, individual counseling, and case management services.

Staff hired by Family Foundations of Northeast Florida, Inc., will include 1 full-time program manager, 1 full-time outreach worker, 1 full-time change engineer, 1 full-time Master's level or licensed mental health counselor, 1 full-time financial coach/counselor, and 1 part-time case manager.

The City received federal grant funding through the US Department of Justice through Ordinance 2023-188-E, and the DOJ has approved this transfer of grant funds.

Policy Impact Area: Mental health services & violence prevention

Fiscal Impact: This bill transfers \$802,300.54 in DOJ grant funds received to fund the Cure Violence program to contract with a non-profit organization to provide related services and to create a new oversight position in the Grants and Contract Compliance Division.

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