

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION  
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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**Bill Type and Number:** Ordinance 2024-713

**Introducer/Sponsor(s):** Council Members White, M. Carlucci, Lahnen, Amaro, Carrico and Peluso

**Date of Introduction:** August 27, 2024

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

**Date of Analysis:** August 29, 2024

**Type of Action:** Appropriation; authorization of new positions

**Bill Summary:** The bill appropriates \$2,500,000 from a Homelessness Initiatives Special Revenue Fund Designated Contingency account to the Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department (JFRD) for implementation and administration of a Homelessness Strategic Plan for Duval County. It approves seven new full-time equivalent positions in the Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department to form a new homeless persons EMS response team.

**Background Information:** \$1,003,303 will be used for salaries and benefits and the remaining \$1,496,697 will be used for authorized expenditures in compliance with Ordinance Code Section 111.920 – Homelessness Initiatives Special Revenue Fund. The appropriation and positions (2 Fire Lieutenants Rescue, 1 Fire Captain Rescue, and 4 Firefighter Engineers) will be used to provide funds to JFRD to hire or retain appropriate personnel as necessary for implementation of a comprehensive strategic plan to address matters affecting Duval County’s homeless population in compliance with a recently enacted state law. These funds will also allow JFRD the ability to outfit those personnel with the uniforms, gear and equipment necessary to establish an appropriate framework for multi-phased implementation of the plan.

The appropriation outlined in this Ordinance is intended to build upon and implement strategies arising from the recommendations of the Critical Quality of Life Issues Special Committee in its Final Report and to promulgate the ideas and strategic planning that occurred in the Mayor’s Working Group to Address Homelessness.

**Policy Impact Area:** Homelessness response and state law compliance

**Fiscal Impact:** The bill appropriates \$2,500,000 from the Homelessness Initiatives Special Revenue Fund Designated Contingency

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