

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2024-743

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Salem

Date of Introduction: September 10, 2024

Committee(s) of Reference: NCSPHS, F

Date of Analysis: September 10, 2024

Type of Action: Appropriation

Bill Summary: This bill is an appropriation of \$14,113.50 from the Council President's Designated Contingency to the Mental Health Offender Program (MHOP).

Background Information: Established as a pilot program in 2020, MHOP is a jail diversion program for non-violent misdemeanor offenders with mental health issues, intended to break the cycle of repeated misdemeanor arrests and provide them the wraparound support they need to successfully treat their illness and reintegrate back into the community. The purpose of this legislation is to provide continued operational funds to MHOP.

Policy Impact Area: Mental Health Offender Program

Fiscal Impact: Appropriation of \$14,113.50

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