

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2024-766

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

Date of Introduction: September 24, 2024

Committee(s) of Reference: NCSPHS, F

Date of Analysis: September 24, 2024

Type of Action: Appropriation, position authorization and designation of oversight agency

Bill Summary: This bill is an appropriation of \$329,091 (\$264,582 in grant funds from AmeriCorps Seniors and \$64,509 from General Fund Operating Fund Balance for the City match) for the Duval County Senior Companion Program. The Grant period commences July 1, 2024 and ends June 30, 2027. The Project Supervisor position and 1300 part-time hours are authorized. The Senior Services Division of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services will provide oversight.

Background Information: The purpose of this legislation is to provide grant funding for year one of the three-year grant for the Duval County Senior Companion Program. The Program focuses on providing aid and friendship to older adults who have difficulty with daily living tasks by connecting eligible seniors with Program volunteers. Eligibility requirements: seniors aged 60 years and older who have one or more physical, emotional, or mental health limitations and who need assistance to achieve and maintain a higher level of independent living. Program volunteers assist with shopping, paying bills, escorted services and companionship. The grant funds may be used for staff salary and benefits, volunteer stipends, meals and mileage, volunteer recognition events, supplies, training and travel.

Policy Impact Area: Duval County Senior Companion Program

Fiscal Impact: Appropriation of \$329,091 as initiated by B.T. 24-152

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