

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION  
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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**Bill Type and Number:** Ordinance 2024-848

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

**Date of Introduction:** October 22, 2024

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

**Date of Analysis:** October 22, 2024

**Type of Action:** Appropriation, CIP amendment and designation of oversight agency

**Bill Summary:** This bill is an appropriation of \$21,465 from contingency for grant funding previously approved by 2023-370-E. The 2025-29 CIP is amended to reflect the appropriation of funds, requiring a 2/3 vote by council members present at the meeting for approval. The grant period commenced on October 12, 2023, and as amended continue through June 30, 2025. JFRD Emergency Preparedness Division will provide oversight.

**Background Information:** Ordinance 2023-370-E appropriated grant funds from FEMA, with a City match and a contingency set aside, for the hurricane safe room project. The purpose of this legislation is to provide the contingency funds for various design phase activities associated with construction of a hurricane safe room for first responders, located at 2610 Fairfax Street. The contingency funds were included in the original grant BT and require a contract modification prior to becoming available. The design phase will include the project's surveying, engineering, design, plans preparation, permitting and bid costs. The hurricane safe room will: be approximately 20,000 square feet; accommodate a maximum of 850 first responders; protect the building envelope and to provide near-absolute protection to its occupants against 180 MPH winds; be equipped with a permanent 150-kW – 250 kW diesel generator.

**Policy Impact Area:** Public safety– first responders hurricane safe room

**Fiscal Impact:** Appropriation of \$21,465 from contingency for grant funding

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