

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2024-888

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Members Salem and White

Date of Introduction: November 12, 2024

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

Date of Analysis: November 12, 2024

Type of Action: Appropriation, *Ordinance Code* exemption and waiver, agreement authorization, designation of oversight agency and one cycle emergency passage

Bill Summary: This bill is an appropriation of \$1,333,728 from Homelessness Initiatives Special Revenue Fund Designated Contingency accounts to the Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department. The Exemption in Section 126.108(g), *Ordinance Code* is invoked to permit direct procurement of professional services. Section 118.107, *Ordinance Code* is waived to allow for direct contracts. The agreements with Trinity Rescue, City Rescue, and Salvation Army are authorized. The Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department will provide oversight.

Background Information: The purpose of this legislation is to provide funds to offset costs for renovations to existing homeless shelters for increased bed space and for operational expenses related to the increased shelter capacity. Commencing on October 1st, and pursuant to Section 125.0231, *Florida Statutes*, the City may not authorize or allow regular public camping and sleeping on public properties, grounds or rights-of-way. To comply with state law and to address the acute need for shelter capacity for those experiencing homelessness, additional safe places are needed to provide shelter in lieu of public sleeping.

Trinity Rescue, City Rescue, and Salvation Army operate shelters currently and plan to expand by 110 total beds to increase shelter capacity. The funds will be paid to the entities on a reimbursement basis, at a rate of \$11,500.08 per bed brought into service prior to January 1, 2025. Per the service agreement, the entities are required to also provide 24/7 coordination and intake support, live capacity information online and via phone, to jointly staff a shelter hotline on a weekly rotating basis, and to provide secure storage capacity for personal belongings. The contract term is October 1, 2024 – September 30, 2025.

Trinity Rescue Mission: Maximum Contract Amount \$634,421.60 (\$421,669.60 operating award, \$212,752 capital award, 44 additional beds)

City Rescue Mission: Maximum Contract Amount \$288,970.40 (\$249,168.40 operating award, \$39,802 capital award, 26 additional beds)

Salvation Army: Maximum Contract Amount: \$410,336 (\$383,336 operating award, \$27,000 capital award, 26 additional beds)

Policy Impact Area: Homelessness Initiatives – increased shelter capacity

Fiscal Impact: Appropriation of \$1,333,728 from Homelessness Initiatives Special Revenue Fund

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