

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2024-949

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Lahnen

Date of Introduction: November 26, 2024

Committee(s) of Reference: NCSPHS, F

Date of Analysis: November 25, 2024

Type of Action: Appropriation

Bill Summary: This bill appropriates \$70,296 from the General Fund Operating Special Council Contingency Account to the General Fund Operating Subsidies and Contributions to Private Organizations Account to provide City grant funding to the University of North Florida (UNF) for its Military and Veterans Program. The program will utilize the funds for technology, equipment, kitchen improvements, and operational expenses, supporting over 2,000 military-connected students and facilitating specific initiatives such as the SBDC Military Spouse Career Readiness Seminar and the Veteran/Military Student Entrepreneurship Bootcamp and Pitch Competition.

Background Information: The purpose of this legislation is to provide a grant to UNF for the Military and Veterans Program, which serves military-connected students through access to resources and support for academic and entrepreneurial endeavors. The funding will also enable infrastructure improvements at the Military and Veterans Resource Center (MVRC), such as the purchase of interactive whiteboards and a golf cart for disabled and mobility-challenged students. Additionally, a portion of the grant will cover salaries for facilitators and mentors involved in the Entrepreneurship Bootcamp and Pitch Competition.

Policy Impact Area: Higher education and veteran services

Fiscal Impact: This bill appropriates \$70,296 to fund the Military and Veterans Program at UNF.

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