

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION  
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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**Bill Type and Number:** Ordinance 2020-211

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

**Date of Introduction:** April 14, 2020

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

**Date of Analysis:** April 14, 2020

**Type of Action:** Appropriation

**Bill Summary:** This bill appropriates \$56,058.00, with no local match, from the US Department of Justice, administered through the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE), a grant under the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA).

**Background Information:** The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) passed in 2003 with unanimous support from both parties in Congress. The purpose of PREA is to provide the opportunity for an analysis of the incidence and effects of prison rape in Federal, State, and local institutions and to provide information, resources, recommendations, and funding to protect individuals from prison rape. Grants are awarded to facilities to develop and implement comprehensive approaches to prevention, detection, and responses to incidences of sexual abuse.

The PREA award will assist with purchasing additional signage, adding supplementary surveillance equipment for the correctional facilities, and covering the cost of training classes for officers. The grant period is February 1, 2020, to September 30, 2021. Since the inventory system for COJ does not meet federal standards, the award requires a special condition that all equipment purchased must comply with the federal guidelines outlined in the Office of Management and Budget, Uniform Requirements, 2 CFR 200.310-316.

**Policy Impact Area:** Jacksonville Sheriff's Office

**Fiscal Impact:** The appropriation of \$56,058.00 in grant funds as initiated by BT 20-048.

**Analyst:** Mitchell