

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2020-0248

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Boylan and co-sponsored by Council Members Morgan, Carlucci, Hazouri and Bowman

Date of Introduction: May 12, 2020

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

Date of Analysis: May 12, 2020

Type of Action: Appropriation of Funds; authorizing Administration to execute agreement; invoking the exception to Section 126.107(g), Ordinance Code; waiving Section 118.201(f)(7) (Release of Appropriations), Ordinance Code; oversight designation; requesting one-cycle emergency passage

Bill Summary: The bill appropriates funds in the sum of \$1,000,000.00 to provide funding to United Way of Northeast Florida for relief funds to assist Duval County nonprofits for losses sustained as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak. The transfer of these funds will be as follows:

From:

Subfund Title: GENERAL FUND OPERATING
Activity/Grant Title: JAX CITYWIDE ACTIVITIES
Line Item: TRANSFER FROM FUND BALANCE
Amount: \$1,000,000.00

To:

Subfund Title: GENERAL FUND OPERATING
Activity/Grant Title: FIRST COAST RELIEF FUND
Line Item: SUBSIDIES & CONTRIBUTIONS
Amount: \$1,000,000.00

The bill authorizes the Administration to execute the agreement. The bill invokes the exception to Section 126.107(g), Ordinance Code. The bill waives Section 118.201(f)(7) (Release of Appropriations), Ordinance Code. The Office of Grants and Contract Compliance will provide oversight of the funding. The bill requests one-cycle emergency passage.

Background Information: United Way of Northeast Florida is the Administrator of Florida's First Coast Relief Fund which is an effort between various nonprofits to fill in the gaps in essential and immediate social services for those impacted by COVID-19. Pursuant to Section 126.107(g) (Exemptions), Part 1 (General Regulations), Chapter 126, Procurement Code), Ordinance Code, such procurement is exempted from competitive solicitation because the supplies or services are to be provided by those specifically prescribed within authorizing legislation that appropriates the same. With the exception of the foregoing, all other provisions of Chapter 126, Ordinance Code, will remain in full force and effect. Section 118.201(f)(7), Ordinance Code, requires that agreements for payment of City grants require provisions for reimbursement for work done or based upon draws for services. To the extent that the scheduled disbursements under the Agreement provide funding in a phased schedule without being tied to payment for work done or draws based upon services, the Council waives these provisions for this Ordinance. The nature of the emergency is that the current COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in the immediate disruption of nonprofit organizations in providing essential social services to the most vulnerable citizens in Duval County and the nonprofit organizations involved in Florida's First Coast Relief Fund desire to address the immediate concerns and needs of the community in the most expedited manner with swift results.

Policy Impact Area: Appropriation of funds; public health and safety; Duval nonprofits

Fiscal Impact: No additional financial impact anticipated beyond the \$1,000,000.00 appropriation

Analyst: Baltiero