

# CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

## LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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**Bill Type and Number:** 2020-493

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

**Date of Introduction:** August 11, 2020

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

**Date of Analysis:** August 12, 2020

**Type of Action:** Appropriation, contract authorization and Procurement Code exception and waiver

**Bill Summary:** This bill is an appropriation of \$80,000 in grant funds received from the Cities for Financial Empowerment Fund (CFE) to allow the Kids Hope Alliance to fund financial navigation services for families in Jacksonville impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. KHA is authorized to execute a direct contract with the United Way for the services. These services will be marketed to families of children participating in children's services programs funded by KHA. Pursuant to Section 126.107(g)(Exemptions), Part 1 (General Regulations), Chapter 126 (Procurement Code), *Ordinance Code*, such services are exempted from competitive solicitation because the children's services to be provided by CIS are being appropriated and approved in this authorizing legislation. This bill waives the requirements of Chapter 77 (Kids Hope Alliance), Section 77.111(a)(Provider Contracts), *Ordinance Code*, which requires contracts for children's services to be competitively procured by the Kids Hope Alliance through an evaluated bid process; and the provisions of Chapter 77 (Kids Hope Alliance), *Ordinance Code*, as such services may not be considered children's services as contemplated by Chapter 77.

**Background Information:** The purpose of this legislation is to provide financial information and referrals to families impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and economic fallout. The financial services provided may include guidance with managing expenses, negotiating with creditors and understanding unemployment benefits, among other things. The appropriated funds will support the collaboration between community organizations and City agencies to serve families in Jacksonville financially impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Policy Impact Area:** KHA-financial navigation services for families in Jacksonville impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic

**Fiscal Impact:** \$80,000 in grant funds received from the Cities for Financial Empowerment Fund, as initiated by B.T. 20-102

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