

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2021-204

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

Date of Introduction: April 13, 2021

Committee(s) of Reference: NCSPHS, F

Date of Analysis: April 9, 2021

Type of Action: Appropriation

Bill Summary: The bill

- appropriates \$1,086,820.00 in grant funds from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, with no local match required, to provide HIV-related Health and Support Services to persons living with HIV/Aids and reside in the Jacksonville Transitional Grant Area (JTGA)
- funds a Human Services Planner II/SPE position, as initiated by B.T. 21-062;
- provides for a carryover of funds into Fiscal Year 2021-2022;
- authorizes the Human Services Planner II/SPE position, as initiated by R.C. 21-072; and
- provides for City oversight by the Social Services Division of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services.

Background Information: The grant funds are essential to the efforts of the Ending the HIV Epidemic Program. The funds allow for the use of HIV Mobile Medical Units within targeted zip codes to increase testing, engage, and retain the newly diagnosed and those who previously received an HIV diagnosis but are not receiving medical care. Services also include viral load suppression through outpatient ambulatory medical care, pharmaceutical assistance, mental and oral health care, and other health-related services. The JTGA encompasses Duval, Clay, Nassau, St. Johns, and Baker Counties. The population is approximately 1.4 million, with an HIV prevalence of 7,558. Duval County remains the epicenter of the local epidemic and is one of 48 counties in the nation with the highest burden of HIV, disproportionately affecting African Americans, and concentrated in a cluster of Jacksonville urban core zip codes with excess poverty impacting all levels of social determinants.

The grant year is March 1, 2021, through February 28, 2022, with a recommendation of three (3) additional years of financial support from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services through 2025. Funds are subject to carry over into FY 21-22. The Human Services Planner II/SPE is a full-time position necessary to support the Ending HIV Epidemic Program's function.

Policy Impact Area: Ending the HIV Epidemic Program, HIV Mobile Medical Units

Fiscal Impact: The appropriation of \$1,086,820.00, as initiated by B.T. 21-062.

Analyst: Mitchell