

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: 2021-290

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council President Hazouri at the request of the Mayor and by Council Vice President Newby and Council Member Freeman

Date of Introduction: May 11, 2021

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

Date of Analysis: May 12, 2021

Type of Action: Appropriation, agreement authorization, Procurement Code exception, designation of oversight agency and one cycle emergency passage

Bill Summary: This bill is an appropriation of \$470,000, a grant from the State of Florida Department of Law Enforcement, Office of Criminal Justice Grants Program, to establish a third Cure Violence operating site in support of the local Cure Violence initiative. The FY 2020-2021 Cure Violence Services Contract with Family Foundations of Northeast Florida, Inc. is amended to increase the contract amount; a Cure Violence Services Contract between the City of Jacksonville and Potter's House is authorized; a Cure Violence Services Contract between the City of Jacksonville and Builders of the Faith is authorized; a Cure Violence Services Contract between the City of Jacksonville and Justice & Security Solutions is authorized. The bill invokes the exception to Section 126.107(g), *Ordinance Code* to enter direct agreements or amendments to agreements. The Program is authorized to expend funds (up to 5% of the total grant) on food and beverage. The Office of Grants and Contract Compliance will oversee administration of the Grant and Program. One cycle emergency passage of this legislation is requested because the Grant period ends June 30, 2021.

Background Information: The purpose of this legislation is to provide funds to expand the Cure Violence Program, a data-driven, research-based, community-centric approach to violence prevention. Cure Violence maintains that violence is a learned behavior and that it can be prevented using disease control methods. The program's three components are the detection and interruption of potentially violent conflicts; the identification and treatment of highest risk; and the mobilization of the community to change norms. This appropriation will fund a third Cure Violence operating site to administer implementation of the Cure Violence Public Health Violence Reduction Model, to reduce and prevent shootings and killings in Jacksonville. The Grant period will commence July 1, 2020 and go through June 30, 2021 as follows: (1) \$30,000 to Family Foundations of Northeast Florida, Inc.; (2) \$360,000 to The Potter's House Christian Fellowship, Inc.; (3) \$50,000 to Builders of the Faith Christian Center and Day Care Inc.; and (4) \$30,000 to Justice & Security Solutions, LLC.

Policy Impact Area: Cure Violence Program

Fiscal Impact: Appropriation of \$470,000 of FDLE grant funds. No local match is required.

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