

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: 2021-463

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

Date of Introduction: July 27, 2021

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

Date of Analysis: July 29, 2021

Type of Action: Appropriation, *Ordinance Code* exception and designation of oversight agency

Bill Summary: This bill is an appropriation of \$30,000,000 in Coronavirus relief, fiscal recovery, and critical capital projects funds received by the City from the federal government pursuant to the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act. The bill invokes the exception to Section 126.107(g), *Ordinance Code* to directly procure the use of the professional services of Edward Waters College, Inc. The agreements between the City and each recipient are authorized. The Finance and Administration Department will provide oversight.

Background Information: On March 11, 2021, the American Rescue Plan Act was signed into law and provided for the distribution of Coronavirus relief, fiscal recovery, and critical capital projects funds to state, territorial, tribal and local governments of the United States. These funds will be used to support continued COVID-19 response efforts and will provide a vital infusion of funds to assist with immediate economic recovery and stabilization efforts through replacement of lost public sector revenue and by providing funding for public infrastructure improvements and other eligible expenses under the ARP Act.

The ARP Act local fiscal recovery funds will be disbursed as follows: (1) \$8,000,000 to JAXPORT to offset economic harm and lost revenue due to COVID-19; (2) \$8,300,000 to be deposited in the City's Citywide Special Recreation Facilities account to offset economic harm and lost revenue due to COVID-19 at City-owned sports and entertainment facilities managed by ASM; (3) \$6,200,000 to local government entities located within Duval County to include: (a) \$3,000,000 to the City of Jacksonville Beach, (b) \$2,000,000 to the City of Atlantic Beach, (c) \$1,000,000 to the City of Neptune Beach, and (d) \$200,000 to the Town of Baldwin to offset lost revenues arising from COVID-19 and to cover eligible expenses under the ARP Act; (4) \$1,000,000 to Edward Waters College, Inc. for COVID-19 vaccination education and outreach services; and (5) \$6,500,000 to be placed in a contingency fund for future appropriation in accordance with the ARP Act.

Policy Impact Area: American Rescue Plan funds – Coronavirus relief

Fiscal Impact: Appropriation of \$30,000,000 in ARP Coronavirus relief, fiscal recovery, and critical capital projects funds

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