

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION  
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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**Bill Type and Number:** Ordinance 2021-513

**Introducer/Sponsor(s):** Council President Newby

**Date of Introduction:** July 27, 2021

**Committee(s) of Reference:** F

**Date of Analysis:** July 29, 2021

**Type of Action:** Appropriation of Funds; authorization of grant agreement; invocation of the direct contracting exception provision of the Procurement Code; designation of oversight agency

**Bill Summary:** The bill appropriates funds in the amount of \$100,000 to provide funding as a grant to Read USA for materials for family literacy engagement and activities for FY21-22. It authorizes execution of a grant agreement with the agency and invokes the direct contracting exception provision of the Procurement Code to permit the contract award without a competitive procurement process. The Office of Grants and Compliance is designated as the City's oversight agency for the project.

**Background Information:** The purpose of the appropriation is to provide funding from the City to Read USA to provide books to 10,000 elementary school-aged children in under-resourced neighborhoods along with parent and student resource guides to stimulate family literacy engagement and activities. The funds would ordinarily be budgeted in the City's annual budget ordinance via the Kids Hope Alliance. However, because of the conflict of interest posed by his employment with Read USA, a council member would have had to abstain from voting on the budget on this item which was funded therein. This separate appropriation allows the council member to abstain from voting on this item while voting on the rest of the budget separately.

**Policy Impact Area:** Read USA literacy grant funding; voting conflict of interest

**Fiscal Impact:** Appropriation of \$100,000 to Read USA for literacy materials.

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