

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION  
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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**Bill Type and Number:** Ordinance 2021-514

**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 \$100,000.00 to provide funding as a grant to Clara White Mission, Inc. for structural improvements to its facilities to assist its transitional housing and drop-in services for homeless veterans. 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 Clara White Mission for capital improvements needed to the men's residence and drop-in center facility at 613 West Ashley Street, including structural improvements of roof replacement, plumbing upgrades and the replacement of a security gate protecting outdoor residential spaces. The funds would ordinarily be appropriated in the City's annual budget ordinance, however, because of the conflict of interest posed by her employment with the Mission, a council member would have had to abstain from voting on the entire budget because of this funding allocation. 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:** Clara White Mission capital improvements; voting conflict of interest

**Fiscal Impact:** Appropriation of \$100,000 to Clara White Mission, Inc. for capital improvements to the facility to provide better services for homeless veterans.

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