

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2021-516

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

Date of Introduction: July 27, 2021

Committee(s) of Reference: F

Date of Analysis: July 29, 2021

Type of Action: Appropriation; authorizing grant agreements; invoking Procurement Code exception and authorizing direct contracting; designation of oversight agency; providing for compliance with American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act requirements

Bill Summary: The bill appropriates a total of \$141,897,895 in federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARP) funds to support COVID-19 response efforts and provide funding for eligible capital improvements, affordable housing projects, departmental expenses and other qualified expenses. It invokes the direct contracting exception in the Procurement Code and authorizes execution of a grant agreement between the City and LIFT JAX, Inc. for a \$3 million grant for an Eastside Affordable Housing Development Program. It invokes the direct contracting exception in the Procurement Code and authorizes execution of a grant agreement between the City and Ability Housing, Inc. for a \$1 million grant in support of the Ability PSH-10 (permanent supportive housing) Program. The bill designates the Finance and Administration Department as the City's general oversight agency for use of the ARP fund, and designates the Neighborhoods Department as the oversight agency for the two specifically listed housing assistance programs. It requires Shands Jacksonville Medical Center, Inc., LIFT JAX, INC. and Ability Housing, Inc. to comply with all applicable ARP Act grant requirements in their respective use and expenditure of the ARP Act funds, including all audit requirements.

Background Information: The bill appropriates funds to the following major uses:

- Septic tank phase-outs - \$50,000,000
- Roadway resurfacing - \$24,000,000
- Employee premium pay raises - \$20,000,000
- Employee one-time bonus payments - \$20,000,000
- ITD portable and mobile radio refresh - \$11,500,000
- UF Health additional support - \$4,700,000
- ITD network upgrades and security improvements - \$3,000,000
- Homelessness reduction and affordable housing initiatives - \$4,000,000

Policy Impact Area: American Recovery Plan authorized expenditures

Fiscal Impact: The bill appropriates \$141,897,895 in federal American Rescue Plan Act funds

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