

# CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

## LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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**Bill Type and Number:** 2021-454

**Introducer/Sponsor(s):** Finance Committee

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

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

**Date of Analysis:** July 28, 2021

**Type of Action:** Appropriation, *Ordinance Code* exception, designation of oversight agency, emergency passage upon introduction

**Bill Summary:** This bill is an appropriation of the remaining balance of \$306,120.64 in unexpended Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act grant funds from the COVID-19 Council Identified Priorities contingency account established by Ord. 2021-354-E to the COVID-19 For Profit/Non-Profit Business Support account to provide financial assistance to businesses suffering from the continued economic impact of COVID-19. This bill authorizes the COVID-19 For-profit and Non-profit Business Relief Grant Agreement between the City and the grant recipients. Pursuant to Section 126.107(g) (Exemptions), Part 1 (General Regulations), Chapter 126 (Procurement Code), *Ordinance Code*, such procurement is exempted from competitive solicitation because the supplies or services are to be provided by those specifically prescribed within authorizing legislation that appropriates the same. The Finance and Administration Department will oversee the project. Emergency passage upon introduction is requested as the funds must be expended by the grant recipients by December 31, 2021.

**Background Information:** The purpose of this legislation is to provide CARES Act funds to the following entities: First Coast Crime Stoppers, Inc. (\$47,313.77), Cathedral District-Jax, Inc. (\$47,313.77), Kayla Mill Boutique (\$13,910.36), Blu Diner, Inc. (\$32,457.50), Beaches Habitat for Humanity, Inc. (\$47,313.77), Hope Haven Association, Inc. (\$47,313.77), Overflow Health Alliance, Inc. (\$23,183.93), and Riverside-Avondale Preservation, Inc. (\$47,313.77). The funds are to be used to offset business interruption expenses and economic losses due to COVID-19.

**Policy Impact Area:** CARES Act funds - COVID-19 For Profit/Non-Profit Business Support

**Fiscal Impact:** \$306,120.64 in unexpended Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act grant funds

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