

# CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

## LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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**Bill Type and Number:** 2021-551

**Introducer/Sponsor(s):** Council Member Dennis

**Date of Introduction:** August 10, 2021

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

**Date of Analysis:** August 10, 2021

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

**Bill Summary:** This bill is an appropriation of \$5,000,000 from General Fund/Fund Balance to provide additional testing sites for COVID-19 testing and vaccinations services to be performed by Agape Community Health Center, Inc. at three locations throughout Jacksonville. The bill also invokes the exception to Section 126.107(g), *Ordinance Code* so as such procurement may be exempted from competitive solicitation; authorizes the COVID-19 Testing Services Agreement between the City of Jacksonville and Agape Community Health Center, Inc. The Director of Community & International Affairs will oversee the Project. Emergency passage upon introduction is requested because COVID-19 cases in Florida have surged in the last several weeks, with the highest one-day totals occurring in Duval County within the last few days, exceeding prior records for Florida and specifically, Duval County and time is of the essence.

**Background Information:** The purpose for this legislation is to provide funds for expanded COVID-19 testing services due to the surge in local and statewide positive cases and the need for more access to vaccines to combat the pandemic. The funds will allow for services for testing services and vaccinations at three locations: The Shops of Sherwood, 5045 Soutel Drive, 32208, College Park, 903 University Boulevard North, 32211, and Lane Wiley Senior Center, 6710 Wiley Road, 32210. There are currently not enough free testing centers/vaccine sites to meet the public need.

**Policy Impact Area:** COVID-19 testing services and vaccinations

**Fiscal Impact:** Appropriation of \$5,000,000

**Analyst:** Hampsey