

# CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

## LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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**Bill Type and Number:** 2021-669

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

**Date of Introduction:** September 14, 2021

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

**Date of Analysis:** September 15, 2021

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

**Bill Summary:** This bill is an appropriation of \$1,900,000 approved in Ordinance 2021-463-E in Coronavirus relief, fiscal recovery, and critical capital projects funds received by the City from the federal government pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act (ARP) as directed by City Council members. Each council member selected entities to which \$100,000 will be disbursed, and the awarded organization must comply with all applicable ARP Act grant requirements including, but not limited to, the audit requirements. The bill authorizes the standard COVID-19 ARP Act Subrecipient Grant Agreements between the City of Jacksonville and the grant recipients. The Exception to Section 126.107(g), *Ordinance Code* is invoked to permit direct grant agreements without competitive procurement. The Finance and Administration Department will provide oversight for all contracts, contract amendments, and expenditures. Emergency passage upon introduction is requested because funds appropriated in this Ordinance must be spent before September 30, 2022 and because the ongoing effects of the global pandemic are immediately impacting small businesses, nonprofit organizations, tourism, travel, and hospitality industries, and public health in Jacksonville.

**Background Information:** The purpose of this legislation is to provide funds for eligible organizations located in the City of Jacksonville that have suffered economic harm as a result of COVID-19. The impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic have been severe and far-reaching, affecting all facets of the American economy and daily life. On March 11, 2021, the American Rescue Plan Act was signed into law and provided for the distribution of Coronavirus relief, fiscal recovery, and critical capital projects funds to state, territorial, tribal and local governments. The funds may be used for: (1) small business economic assistance, (2) aid to nonprofit organizations, (3) aid to tourism, travel, or hospitality industries, and (4) aid to social determinants of health programs.

**Policy Impact Area:** American Rescue Plan Act funds

**Fiscal Impact:** Appropriation of \$1,900,000 received by the City from the federal government pursuant to the ARP Act

**Analyst:** Hampsey