

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION  
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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**Bill Type and Number:** Ordinance 2021-672

**Sponsor:** Council President at the request of the Mayor

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

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

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

**Type of Action:** Appropriation

**Bill Summary:** This bill appropriates \$1,000,000 in discretionary non-competitive funds that are awarded by the State of Florida Department of Education to the Kids Hope Alliance. For the Northwest Jacksonville STEM Center for Teens.

**Background Information:** The purpose of the appropriation is to fund the procurement of furniture and fixtures, computer hardware and software, and educational supplies for the STEM Center. In addition, the funds will be used to procure the professional services of 100 Black Men of Jacksonville, Inc. and I'm A Star Foundation, Inc. who will manage the STEM Center and provide STEM industry training and hi-tech programs at the STEM Center in the evenings and on weekends.

The overall purpose of the STEM Center is to provide workforce training, academic enrichment, and positive youth development. Training and programs funded by these State dollars will target at-risk youth ages 12 to 18 years from several Title 1 schools and neighborhoods located near the STEM Center.

**Policy Impact Area:** Funding of services needed for STEM training for youth ages 12- to 18-year-old

**Fiscal Impact:** \$1,000,000 appropriation

**Analyst:** Distel