

1 Introduced by Council Members Salem and Carrico and Co-Sponsored by
2 Council Members Clark-Murray, J. Carlucci, Johnson, Arias, White,
3 Miller and Boylan:
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6 **ORDINANCE 2025-857-E**

7 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$200,000 FROM THE
8 BUDGET STABILIZATION RESERVE CONTINGENCY
9 ACCOUNT TO THE FEEDING NORTHEAST FLORIDA -
10 SUBSIDIES AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO PRIVATE ORG
11 ACCOUNT, TO PROVIDE FUNDING TO REGIONAL FOOD
12 BANK OF NORTHEAST FLORIDA, INC. D/B/A FEEDING
13 NORTHEAST FLORIDA ("FNEFL") FOR THE DUVAL COUNTY
14 EMERGENCY FOOD DISTRIBUTION INITIATIVE (THE
15 "PROGRAM") AS DESCRIBED HEREIN; WAIVING SECTION
16 118.107 (NONPROFITS TO RECEIVE FUNDING THROUGH
17 A COMPETITIVE EVALUATED AWARD PROCESS; WAIVER
18 AND DISCLOSURES), PART 1 (GENERAL PROVISIONS),
19 CHAPTER 118 (CITY GRANTS), *ORDINANCE CODE*, TO
20 ALLOW FOR A DIRECT CONTRACT WITH FNEFL;
21 APPROVING, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, OR HER
22 DESIGNEE, AND THE CORPORATION SECRETARY TO
23 EXECUTE AND DELIVER ON BEHALF OF THE CITY A GRANT
24 AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE AND
25 FNEFL FOR THE PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR OVERSIGHT
26 BY THE GRANTS AND CONTRACT COMPLIANCE DIVISION
27 OF THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT; REQUESTING EMERGENCY
28 PASSAGE UPON INTRODUCTION; PROVIDING AN
29 EFFECTIVE DATE.
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31 **BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

Section 1. Appropriation. For the 2025-2026 fiscal year, within the City's budget, there is hereby appropriated the indicated sum(s) from the account(s) listed in subsection (a) to the account(s) listed in subsection (b):

(The account information is attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** and incorporated herein by this reference)

(a) Appropriated from:

See **Exhibit 1** \$200,000

(b) Appropriated to:

See **Exhibit 1** \$200,000

(c) Explanation of Appropriation:

The funding above is an appropriation of \$200,000 from the Budget Stabilization Reserve Contingency account to the Feeding Northeast Florida - Subsidies and Contributions to Private Org account, to provide funding to Regional Food Bank of Northeast Florida, Inc. d/b/a Feeding Northeast Florida ("FNEFL") for the Duval County Emergency Food Distribution Initiative as described herein.

Section 2. Purpose. The purpose of the appropriation in Section 1 is to provide City funding to FNEFL for the Duval County Emergency Food Distribution Initiative (the "Program") as described in **Exhibit 2**, attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference. The Program was created to assist with emergency food distribution efforts that have become necessary as a result of the federal government shutdown which led to a significant and immediate rise in the number of Duval County residents facing food insecurity. FNEFL will use the City funds to purchase food and pay freight costs to bring emergency food assistance to residents of Duval County. Distribution of this food will either be coordinated with existing and pop-up emergency events throughout the County or FNEFL will host large-scale mobile pantry distributions at its partner locations.

1 **Section 3. Waiver of Section 118.107, Ordinance Code.** The
2 provisions of Section 118.107 (Nonprofits to receive funding through
3 a competitive evaluated award process; waiver and disclosures), Part
4 1 (General Provisions), Chapter 118 (City Grants), *Ordinance Code*,
5 are hereby waived to allow for a direct contract with FNEFL. This
6 waiver is justified because FNEFL has demonstrated it already has the
7 infrastructure in place to ensure the food is ordered and distributed
8 as quickly as possible to those most in need. FNEFL has provided the
9 Affidavit of Disclosure required by subsection 118.107(b)(2),
10 *Ordinance Code*, attached hereto as **Exhibit 3** and incorporated herein
11 by this reference.

12 **Section 4. Approval and Authorization to Execute.** There is
13 hereby approved, and the Mayor, or her designee, and the Corporation
14 Secretary are hereby authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of
15 the City a grant agreement with Regional Food Bank of Northeast
16 Florida, Inc. d/b/a Feeding Northeast Florida, in an amount
17 not-to-exceed \$200,000, subject to the Term Sheet and Budget more
18 particularly described in **Exhibit 2**, for a term commencing on November
19 1, 2025 through January 31, 2026, and all other contracts and
20 documents, including extensions, renewals and amendments to the
21 agreement, and to otherwise take all action necessary to effectuate
22 the intent of this Ordinance, subject to appropriate legal review and
23 approval by the General Counsel, or his designee, and the City's Risk
24 Management Division for appropriate insurance and indemnification
25 requirements in accordance with Section 128.601, *Ordinance Code*.

26 **Section 5. Oversight Department.** The Grants and Contract
27 Compliance Division of the Finance Department shall oversee the
28 project described herein.

29 **Section 6. Requesting Emergency Passage Upon Introduction**
30 **Pursuant to Council Rule 4.901 Emergency.** Emergency passage upon
31 introduction of this legislation is requested. The nature of the

1 emergency is that a large group of Duval County residents are facing
2 an immediate food shortage crisis arising from the federal government
3 shutdown which the funds appropriated herein are intended to partially
4 alleviate.

5 **Section 7. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become
6 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
7 without the Mayor's signature.

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9 Form Approved:

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11 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

12 Office of General Counsel

13 Legislation Prepared By: Mary E. Staffopoulos

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