

Introduced by Council Members Salem and Carrico:

ORDINANCE 2025-857

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$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 (THE "PROGRAM") AS DESCRIBED HEREIN; WAIVING SECTION 118.107 (NONPROFITS TO RECEIVE FUNDING THROUGH A COMPETITIVE EVALUATED AWARD PROCESS; WAIVER AND DISCLOSURES), PART 1 (GENERAL PROVISIONS), CHAPTER 118 (CITY GRANTS), *ORDINANCE CODE*, TO ALLOW FOR A DIRECT CONTRACT WITH FNEFL; APPROVING, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, OR HER DESIGNEE, AND THE CORPORATION SECRETARY TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER ON BEHALF OF THE CITY A GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE AND FNEFL FOR THE PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR OVERSIGHT BY THE GRANTS AND CONTRACT COMPLIANCE DIVISION OF THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT; REQUESTING EMERGENCY PASSAGE UPON INTRODUCTION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

1 sum(s) from the account(s) listed in subsection (a) to the account(s)
2 listed in subsection (b):

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

5 (a) Appropriated from:

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

7 (b) Appropriated to:

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

9 (c) Explanation of Appropriation:

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

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

30 **Section 3. Waiver of Section 118.107, Ordinance Code.** The
31 provisions of Section 118.107 (Nonprofits to receive funding through

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

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

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

27 **Section 6. Requesting Emergency Passage Upon Introduction**
28 **Pursuant to Council Rule 4.901 Emergency.** Emergency passage upon
29 introduction of this legislation is requested. The nature of the
30 emergency is that a large group of Duval County residents are facing
31 an immediate food shortage crisis arising from the federal government

1 shutdown which the funds appropriated herein are intended to partially
2 alleviate.

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

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7 Form Approved:

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9 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

10 Office of General Counsel

11 Legislation Prepared By: Mary E. Staffopoulos

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