

Introduced by the Council President at the request of the Mayor:

ORDINANCE 2025-25-E

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$2,089,200.00, INCLUDING \$1,899,272.72 IN GRANT FUNDING FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY ("DHS") / FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY ("FEMA"), THROUGH THE STATE OF FLORIDA DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, UNDER THE FEMA HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM, AND \$178,600.00 FROM GENERAL FUND RESERVE FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS, AND \$11,327.28 FROM GENERAL FUND BALANCE, TO COVER THE REQUIRED 10% CITY MATCH FROM THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE (THE "CITY"), FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023 ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT PROGRAM (THE "AFG") TO ENHANCE THE SAFETY OF THE PUBLIC AND FIREFIGHTERS WITH RESPECT TO FIRE AND FIRE RELATED HAZARDS, AS INITIATED BY B.T. 25-031; PROVIDING FOR CITY OVERSIGHT BY THE JACKSONVILLE FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT, EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS DIVISION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

Section 1. Appropriation. For the 2024-2025 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):
(B.T. 25-031, attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** and incorporated herein by this reference)

(a) Appropriated from:

See B.T. 25-031 \$2,089,200.00

(b) Appropriated to:

See B.T. 25-031 \$2,089,200.00

(c) Explanation of Appropriation:

The funding above represents an appropriation of a \$1,899,272.72 grant from the Department of Homeland Security ("DHS") Division of Federal Emergency Management Agency ("FEMA"), and an appropriations of \$178,600.00 from General Fund Reserve for Federal Programs and \$11,327.28 from the General Fund Balance for the required 10% City match, for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program (the "AFG") to enhance the safety of the public and firefighters with respect to fire and fire related hazards.

Section 2. Purpose. The purpose of the appropriation in Section 1 is to enhance and support the City of Jacksonville (the "City") / Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department's ("JFRD") goal to increase the number of certified paramedics. The Grant will fund training for sixty (60) members of JFRD to become Nationally Registered Paramedics. Funding will also be used to increase the number of turnout gear extractors that will be housed at strategically identified fire stations throughout the City. The gear extractors will improve the long-term health of the firefighters by eliminating carcinogens from turnout gear, thus decreasing the risk of cancer in firefighters. A copy of the Fiscal Year 2023 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program Award letter (Award Number EMW-2023-FG-01743) is attached hereto as **Exhibit 2** and incorporated herein by this reference (the "Grant Award Letter"). The Grant period begins on September 26, 2024, and runs through September 25, 2026.

Section 3. Oversight Department. The Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department, Emergency Preparedness Division, shall oversee the

1 administration of the Grant as described herein.

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

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6 Form Approved:

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9 Office of General Counsel

10 Legislation Prepared By: Harry M. Wilson, IV

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