

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

ORDINANCE 2025-647

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$329,091.00 (\$264,582.00 IN GRANT FUNDS FROM AMERICORPS SENIORS, FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE, AND A \$64,509.00 MATCH FROM THE CITY FROM THE FEDERAL MATCHING GRANTS ACTIVITY CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT) FOR THE DUVAL COUNTY SENIOR COMPANION PROGRAM, AS INITIATED BY B.T. 25-106; AUTHORIZING TWO FULL-TIME POSITIONS, AND 1,300 PART-TIME HOURS WITHIN THE SENIOR SERVICES DIVISION, AS INITIATED BY R.C. 25-158; PROVIDING FOR CITY OVERSIGHT BY THE SENIOR SERVICES DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES; PROVIDING FOR 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 from the account(s) listed in subsection (a) to the account(s) listed in subsection (b):

(B.T. 25-106, attached hereto as **Exhibit 1**, and incorporated herein by this reference):

(a) Appropriated from:

See B.T. 25-106	\$329,091.00
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(b) Appropriated to:

See B.T. 25-106	\$329,091.00
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(c) Explanation of Appropriation:

1 The funding above comprises \$264,582.00 in grant funds (the
2 "Grant") from AmeriCorps Seniors (formerly known as the
3 Corporation for National and Community Service)
4 ("AmeriCorps") and an additional appropriation of
5 \$64,509.00 from the Federal Matching Grants Activity
6 Contingency Account for the City match, for the Duval
7 County Senior Companion Program (the "Program"). The Grant
8 period commences July 1, 2024 and ends June 30, 2027. This
9 appropriation represents funding for year two of the Grant.

10 **Section 2. Purpose.** The purpose of the appropriation in
11 Section 1 is to provide grant funding for year two of the three year
12 Grant to support the Program which focuses on providing aid and
13 friendship to older adults who have difficulty with daily living
14 tasks by connecting eligible seniors with Program volunteers. The
15 Program serves seniors aged 60 years and older who have one or more
16 physical, emotional, or mental health limitations and who need
17 assistance to achieve and maintain a higher level of independent
18 living. Volunteers perform tasks such as shopping, paying bills, and
19 providing escorted services to medical appointments and other places
20 as needed, while also providing companionship, which is intended to
21 assist seniors to live independently in their homes for as long as
22 possible, with the same or an improved quality of life.

23 The Grant and matching funds will be used for Program staff
24 salary and benefits, volunteer stipends, meals and mileage, volunteer
25 recognition events, supplies, training and travel. The Notice of
26 Grant Award is attached hereto as **Exhibit 2** and incorporated herein
27 by this reference.

28 **Section 3. Authorizing Two Positions, and Part-Time Hours.**
29 There is hereby approved the two full-time positions, and 1,300 part-
30 time hours within the Senior Services Division as more fully described
31 in R.C. 25-158, attached hereto as **Exhibit 3**, and incorporated herein

1 by this reference.

2 **Section 4. Oversight Department.** The Senior Services
3 Division of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services
4 shall oversee administration of the Grant and shall provide oversight
5 of the Program and positions described herein.

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

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10 Form Approved:

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12 /S/ Joelle J. Dillard

13 Office of General Counsel

14 Legislation Prepared By: Joelle J. Dillard

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