

1 Introduced by Council Member Carrico and amended by the Neighborhoods,
2 Community Services, Public Health and Safety Committee:

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5 **ORDINANCE 2024-873-E**

6 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$75,000 FROM A
7 GENERAL FUND OPERATING DESIGNATED CONTINGENCY
8 ACCOUNT TO THE GENERAL FUND OPERATING, SUBSIDIES
9 AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO PRIVATE ORG ACCOUNT, TO
10 PROVIDE CITY GRANT FUNDING TO FAMILY NURTURING
11 CENTER OF FLORIDA, INC. ("FNC") FOR THE
12 VISITATION SLIDING SCALE PROGRAM (THE "PROGRAM")
13 AS DESCRIBED HEREIN; INVOKING THE EXEMPTION IN
14 SECTION 126.108(G) (EXEMPTIONS FROM COMPETITIVE
15 SOLICITATION), PART 1 (GENERAL REGULATIONS;
16 ETHICS AND TRANSPARENCY IN PUBLIC CONTRACTING),
17 CHAPTER 126 (PROCUREMENT CODE), *ORDINANCE CODE*,
18 TO ALLOW FOR A DIRECT CONTRACT WITH FNC FOR THE
19 PROGRAM; WAIVING SECTION 118.107 (NONPROFITS TO
20 RECEIVE FUNDING THROUGH A COMPETITIVE EVALUATED
21 AWARD PROCESS), PART 1 (GENERAL PROVISIONS),
22 CHAPTER 118 (CITY GRANTS), *ORDINANCE CODE*, TO
23 ALLOW FOR A DIRECT CONTRACT WITH FAMILY
24 NURTURING CENTER OF FLORIDA, INC.; WAIVING
25 CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF SECTION 118.301
26 (EXPENDITURE OF APPROPRIATED FUNDS), PART 3
27 (ADMINISTRATION OF CITY GRANTS), CHAPTER 118
28 (CITY GRANTS), *ORDINANCE CODE*, TO ALLOW A
29 PORTION OF THE GRANT FUNDS TO BE EXPENDED FOR
30 COSTS OF AMUSEMENTS, SOCIAL ACTIVITIES, AND
31 INCIDENTAL COSTS RELATING THERETO; APPROVING,

1 AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, OR HER DESIGNEE, AND
2 THE CORPORATION SECRETARY TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER
3 ON BEHALF OF THE CITY A GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN
4 THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE AND FNC FOR THE
5 PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR OVERSIGHT BY THE GRANTS
6 AND CONTRACT COMPLIANCE DIVISION OF THE FINANCE
7 DEPARTMENT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

10 **Section 1. Appropriation.** For the 2024-2025 fiscal year,
11 within the City's budget, there is hereby appropriated the indicated
12 sum(s) from the account(s) listed in subsection (a) to the account(s)
13 listed in subsection (b):

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

16 (a) Appropriated from:

17 See **Exhibit 1** \$75,000

18 (b) Appropriated to:

19 See **Exhibit 1** \$75,000

20 (c) Explanation of Appropriation:

21 The funding above is an appropriation of \$75,000 from a
22 General Fund Operating Designated Contingency account to
23 the General Fund Operating, Subsidies and Contributions to
24 Private Org account, to provide a grant to Family Nurturing
25 Center of Florida, Inc. ("FNC") for the Visitation Sliding
26 Scale Program (the "Program") as described herein.

27 **Section 2. Purpose.** The purpose of the appropriation in
28 Section 1 is to provide grant funds from the City of Jacksonville to
29 FNC for the Visitation Sliding Scale Program as described in **Revised**
30 **Exhibit 2**, labeled as "Revised Exhibit 2, Rev Term Sheet & Budget,
31 December 2, 2024 - NCSPHS" attached hereto and incorporated herein

1 by this reference. The Program provides supervised visitations and
2 exchanges for low- and middle-income families with children in need
3 of such services and assistance. Approximately 60% of FNC's clients
4 earn an annual income of less than \$30,000 and the City funds will
5 help to lower the co-payment required for these supervised services.
6 In addition to helping offset this expense, the City funds will be
7 used for occupancy and office expenses for the Program, including
8 office supplies, insurance, professional fees, uniforms and cleaning
9 supplies. Finally, a portion of the City funds will help offset
10 other direct client expenses including toys, entertainment, snacks
11 and beverages for the children served through the Program and
12 interpretation services and transportation vouchers for the
13 participating families.

14 **Section 3. Invoking the Exemption in Section 126.108(g),**
15 **Ordinance Code.** The City is hereby authorized to directly procure
16 the professional services of Family Nurturing Center of Florida, Inc.
17 for the Program as described herein. Pursuant to Section 126.108(g)
18 (Exemptions from competitive solicitation), Part 1 (General
19 Regulations; Ethics and Transparency in Public Contracting), Chapter
20 126 (Procurement Code), *Ordinance Code*, such procurement is exempted
21 from competitive solicitation because the supplies or services are
22 to be provided by those specifically prescribed within authorizing
23 legislation. With the exception of the foregoing, all other provisions
24 of Chapter 126, *Ordinance Code*, shall remain in full force and effect.

25 **Section 4. Waiver of Section 118.107, Ordinance Code.** The
26 provisions of Section 118.107 (Nonprofits to receive funding through
27 a competitive evaluated award process), Part 1 (General Provisions),
28 Chapter 118 (City Grants), *Ordinance Code*, are hereby waived to allow
29 for a direct contract with FNC. This waiver is justified because FNC
30 provides unique services to low- and middle-income members of the
31 community by overseeing supervised visitations for parents in

1 high-conflict or high-risk situations and by providing supervised
2 exchanges that allow custodial transfer of time from one parent to
3 another in a manner that prevents conflicts or interactions between
4 the parents.

5 **Section 5. Waiver of Certain Provisions of Section 118.301,**
6 **Ordinance Code.** The provisions of Subsection 118.301(a)(3)(iv)
7 (Expenditure of appropriated funds), Part 3 (Administration of City
8 Grants), Chapter 118 (City Grants), *Ordinance Code*, are hereby waived
9 to allow for a portion of the grant funds to be expensed for costs
10 of amusements, social activities and incidental costs relating
11 thereto. This waiver is justified as it will allow FNC to make toys
12 and entertainment as well as snacks and treats available for children
13 who are served through the Program. This serves as a simple but
14 integral part in making children comfortable during supervised
15 visitations and exchanges.

16 **Section 6. Approval and Authorization to Execute.** There is
17 hereby approved, and the Mayor, or her designee, and the Corporation
18 Secretary are hereby authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of
19 the City a grant agreement with Family Nurturing Center of Florida,
20 Inc. in an amount not-to-exceed \$75,000, subject to the Term Sheet
21 and Budget more particularly described in **Revised Exhibit 2**, for a
22 term commencing on October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025, and
23 all other contracts and documents, including extensions, renewals and
24 amendments to the agreement, and to otherwise take all action
25 necessary to effectuate the intent of this Ordinance, subject to
26 appropriate legal review and approval by the General Counsel, or his
27 or her designee, and the City's Risk Management Division for
28 appropriate insurance and indemnification requirements in accordance
29 with Section 128.601, *Ordinance Code*.

30 **Section 7. Oversight Department.** The Grants and Contract
31 Compliance Division of the Finance Department shall oversee the

1 project described herein.

2 **Section 8. 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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8 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

9 Office of General Counsel

10 Legislation Prepared By: Mary E. Staffopoulos

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