

1 Introduced by the Council President at the request of the Sheriff and
2 Co-Sponsored by Council Member Miller:

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5 **ORDINANCE 2024-29-E**

6 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING GRANT FUNDS IN THE
7 AMOUNT OF \$249,953.00 FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT
8 OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF COMMUNITY ORIENTED
9 POLICING SERVICES ("COPS"), TO FUND THE
10 EXPANSION OF THE INTEGRATING COMMUNICATIONS,
11 ASSESSMENT, AND TACTICS (ICAT) COURSE INCLUDING
12 THE PURCHASE OF VIRTUAL REALITY EQUIPMENT AND
13 OTHER RELATED EXPENSES, AS INITIATED BY B.T.
14 24-036; PROVIDING FOR CITY OVERSIGHT BY THE
15 JACKSONVILLE SHERIFF'S OFFICE; PROVIDING AN
16 EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

19 **Section 1. Appropriation.** For the 2023-2024 fiscal year,
20 within the City's budget, there is hereby appropriated the indicated
21 sum(s) from the account(s) listed in subsection (a) to the account(s)
22 listed in subsection (b):

23 (B.T. 24-036 attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** and incorporated herein by
24 this reference)

25 (a) Appropriated from:

26 See B.T. 24-036 \$249,953.00

27 (b) Appropriated to:

28 See B.T. 24-036 \$249,953.00

29 (c) Explanation of Appropriation

30 The funding above is an appropriation of grant funds from
31 the Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented

1 Policing Services, to fund the enhancement and expansion
2 of the Integrating Communications, Assessment, and Tactics
3 ("ICAT") course by offering the ICAT course agency-wide,
4 purchasing virtual reality ("VR") equipment and related
5 software maintenance, and funding overtime related to
6 training, collecting data and information, and reviewing
7 incidents. The grant period commenced on October 1, 2023
8 and shall continue through September 30, 2025. No local
9 match is required.

10 **Section 2. Purpose.** The purpose of the appropriation in
11 Section 1 is to provide funding for the enhancement and expansion of
12 the ICAT course to further embed the concept of community policing
13 into the fabric of the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office ("JSO"), by
14 purchasing virtual reality ("VR") equipment, providing the
15 VR-enhanced ICAT training to officers and recruits, collecting
16 project related data and information, and reviewing the number of
17 incidents using force annually.

18 The ICAT course was developed by the Police Executive Research
19 Forum and designed as an integrated training approach that brings
20 together verbal and tactical techniques to peacefully resolve tense
21 encounters. Providing the VR-enhanced ICAT course agencywide will
22 help narrow the ICAT knowledge gap between new and veteran officers
23 giving them a common operating picture to work from and, ultimately,
24 increasing positive public safety outcomes for officers and citizens.

25 A copy of the Grant Award Letter (Award Number
26 15JCOPS-23-GG-02527-PPSE) with conditions, is attached hereto as
27 **Exhibit 2** and incorporated herein by this reference.

28 **Section 3. Oversight.** The Jacksonville Sheriff's Office
29 shall oversee and administer the grant described herein.

30 **Section 4. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become
31 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective

1 without the Mayor's signature.

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3 Form Approved:

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5 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

6 Office of General Counsel

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