

1 Introduced by Council Member Clark-Murray:  
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4 **ORDINANCE 2024-802**

5 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$10,000 FROM GENERAL  
6 FUND OPERATING RESERVES TO THE GENERAL FUND  
7 OPERATING, MISCELLANEOUS GRANTS AND AIDS  
8 ACCOUNT, TO PROVIDE CITY GRANT FUNDING TO THE  
9 I'M A STAR FOUNDATION, INC. ("I'M A STAR") TO  
10 SUPPORT THE WESTSIDE STARS LEADERSHIP PROGRAM  
11 (THE "PROGRAM") AS DESCRIBED HEREIN; INVOKING  
12 THE EXEMPTION IN SECTION 126.108(G) (EXEMPTIONS  
13 FROM COMPETITIVE SOLICITATION), PART 1 (GENERAL  
14 REGULATIONS; ETHICS AND TRANSPARENCY IN PUBLIC  
15 CONTRACTING), CHAPTER 126 (PROCUREMENT CODE),  
16 *ORDINANCE CODE*, TO ALLOW FOR A DIRECT CONTRACT  
17 WITH I'M A STAR; WAIVING SECTION 118.107  
18 (NONPROFITS TO RECEIVE FUNDING THROUGH A  
19 COMPETITIVE EVALUATED AWARD PROCESS), PART 1  
20 (GENERAL PROVISIONS), CHAPTER 118 (CITY GRANTS),  
21 *ORDINANCE CODE*, TO ALLOW FOR A DIRECT CONTRACT  
22 WITH I'M A STAR; APPROVING, AND AUTHORIZING THE  
23 MAYOR, OR HER DESIGNEE, AND THE CORPORATION  
24 SECRETARY TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER ON BEHALF OF  
25 THE CITY A GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF  
26 JACKSONVILLE AND I'M A STAR FOUNDATION, INC. FOR  
27 THE PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR OVERSIGHT BY THE  
28 GRANTS AND CONTRACT COMPLIANCE DIVISION OF THE  
29 FINANCE DEPARTMENT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

1           **Section 1.           Appropriation.** For the 2024-2025 fiscal year,  
2 within the City’s budget, there is hereby appropriated the indicated  
3 sum(s) from the account(s) listed in subsection (a) to the account(s)  
4 listed in subsection (b):

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

7           (a) Appropriated from:

8                     See **Exhibit 1**   \$10,000

9           (b) Appropriated to:

10                    See **Exhibit 1**    \$10,000

11           (c) Explanation of Appropriation:

12                     The funding above is an appropriation of \$10,000 from  
13 General Fund Operating Reserves to the General Fund  
14 Operating, Miscellaneous Grants and Aids account, to  
15 provide a City grant to I’m a Star Foundation, Inc. (“I’m  
16 A Star”) for the Westside STARS Leadership Program (the  
17 “Program”) as described herein. Although the funds  
18 appropriated herein are from General Fund Operating  
19 Reserves, the proposed use of these funds to support  
20 programs and initiatives in Council District 9 fulfills  
21 the intent for funds previously appropriated in fiscal year  
22 2023-2024 for Council District 9 Council Member strategic  
23 initiatives that were unencumbered and swept into the  
24 General Fund Operating Reserves on October 1, 2024.

25           **Section 2.           Purpose.** The purpose of the appropriation in

26 Section 1 is to provide grant funds from the City of Jacksonville to  
27 I’m A Star for the Westside STARS Leadership Program as described in  
28 **Exhibit 2**, attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.

29 The Program will engage middle school students in Council District 9  
30 to teach essential leadership qualities such as communication,  
31 problem-solving and decision-making to prepare participants to take

1 on leadership roles in their respective schools and communities. City  
2 funds will be allocated toward costs for a Student Success Coordinator  
3 and Program supplies to support participation of at least 25 students  
4 enrolled at Lake Shore Middle School in the Program.

5 **Section 3. Invoking the Exemption in Section 126.108(g),**  
6 **Ordinance Code.** The City is hereby authorized to directly procure  
7 the professional services of I'm A Star Foundation, Inc. for  
8 administration of the Program as described herein. Pursuant to Section  
9 126.108(g) (Exemptions from competitive solicitation), Part 1  
10 (General Regulations; Ethics and Transparency in Public Contracting),  
11 Chapter 126 (Procurement Code), *Ordinance Code*, such procurement is  
12 exempted from competitive solicitation because the supplies or  
13 services are to be provided by those specifically prescribed within  
14 authorizing legislation. With the exception of the foregoing, all  
15 other provisions of Chapter 126, *Ordinance Code*, shall remain in full  
16 force and effect.

17 **Section 4. Waiver of Section 118.107, Ordinance Code.** The  
18 provisions of Section 118.107 (Nonprofits to receive funding through  
19 a competitive evaluated award process), Part 1 (General Provisions),  
20 Chapter 118 (City Grants), *Ordinance Code*, are hereby waived to allow  
21 for a direct contract with I'm A Star. This waiver is justified  
22 because I'm A Star has successfully operated a number of similar  
23 student leadership programs based on a nationally-recognized I'm A  
24 Star model.

25 **Section 5. Approval and Authorization to Execute.** There is  
26 hereby approved, and the Mayor, or her designee, and the Corporation  
27 Secretary are hereby authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of  
28 the City a grant agreement with I'm A Star Foundation, Inc. in an  
29 amount not-to-exceed \$10,000, subject to the Term Sheet and Budget  
30 more particularly described in **Exhibit 2**, for a term commencing on  
31 October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025, and all other contracts

1 and documents, including extensions, renewals and amendments to the  
2 agreement, and to otherwise take all action necessary to effectuate  
3 the intent of this Ordinance, subject to appropriate legal review and  
4 approval by the General Counsel, or his or her designee, and the  
5 City's Risk Management Division for appropriate insurance and  
6 indemnification requirements in accordance with Section 128.601,  
7 *Ordinance Code.*

8       **Section 6.       Oversight Department.** The Grants and Contract  
9 Compliance Division of the Finance Department shall oversee the  
10 project described herein.

11       **Section 7.       Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become  
12 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective  
13 without the Mayor's signature.

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15 Form Approved:

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17           /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos          

18 Office of General Counsel

19 Legislation Prepared By: Mary E. Staffopoulos

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