

1 Introduced by Council Member Johnson and Co-Sponsored by Council
2 Member Freeman and amended by the Neighborhoods, Community Services,
3 Public Health and Safety Committee:
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6 **ORDINANCE 2024-468-E**

7 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$100,000 FROM THE
8 SAFETY & CRIME REDUCTION CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT TO
9 A SUBSIDIES AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO PRIVATE
10 ORGANIZATIONS ACCOUNT FOR A GRANT TO BE MADE TO
11 WRITEJUSTNESS, LLC, A FLORIDA LIMITED LIABILITY
12 COMPANY, AN ORGANIZATION RECOMMENDED BY THE
13 SAFETY AND CRIME REDUCTION COMMISSION TO CARRY
14 OUT ITS MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS INITIATIVE;
15 APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE
16 CORPORATION SECRETARY TO EXECUTE A GRANT
17 AGREEMENT WITH WRITEJUSTNESS, LLC; INVOKING THE
18 EXEMPTION IN SECTION 126.107(G), *ORDINANCE CODE*,
19 TO EXEMPT THE AWARD OF THE GRANT AGREEMENT FROM
20 COMPETITIVE SOLICITATION; WAIVING SECTION
21 118.201(F)(7), *ORDINANCE CODE*, TO ALLOW FOR
22 DISBURSEMENT OF AN ADVANCE PAYMENT TO GRANT
23 RECIPIENT; WAIVING SECTION 118.301 (A)(3)(IV),
24 *ORDINANCE CODE*, TO ALLOW FOR A MAXIMUM AMOUNT
25 OF \$5,000 TO BE EXPENSED FOR COSTS OF
26 AMUSEMENTS, SOCIAL ACTIVITIES AND INCIDENTAL
27 COSTS RELATING THERETO, TO INCLUDE REFRESHMENTS
28 AT EVENTS; PROVIDING FOR OVERSIGHT; REQUESTING
29 ONE CYCLE EMERGENCY PASSAGE; PROVIDING AN
30 EFFECTIVE DATE.
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1 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 11.15 of Ordinance 2023-504-E,
2 the Council appropriated \$100,000 to the Safety and Crime Reduction
3 Commission (the "Commission") to make recommendations to the Council
4 on funding of grants for programs that address mental health, with
5 the condition that the Commission's recommendations regarding
6 specific dollars be addressed through separate legislation; and

7 **WHEREAS**, at its May 31, 2024 meeting, the Commission
8 recommended awarding a \$100,000 grant to Writejustness, LLC, a Florida
9 limited liability company (the "Recipient") to coordinate and lead a
10 mental health awareness initiative in the City, with an aim to engage
11 community members by, among other things, connecting them with mental
12 health resources and services, bringing awareness to the effects of
13 violence and anxiety, and ending the stigma against seeking mental
14 health care; now therefore

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

16 **Section 1. Incorporating Recitals.** The foregoing "WHEREAS"
17 clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct
18 and are hereby made a specific part of this Ordinance upon adoption
19 thereof.

20 **Section 2.** For the 2023-2024 fiscal year, within the City's
21 budget, there are hereby appropriated the indicated sum(s) from the
22 account(s) listed in subsection (a) to the account(s) listed in
23 subsection (b):

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

26 (a) Appropriated from:

27 See **Exhibit 1** \$100,000

28 (b) Appropriated to:

29 See **Exhibit 1** \$100,000

30 (c) Explanation of Appropriation

31 The appropriation above provides \$100,000 from the Safety

1 & Crime Reduction Contingency Account to fund a grant to
2 Recipient for its mental health awareness initiative
3 recommended by the Commission at its meeting of May 31,
4 2024.

5 **Section 3. Purpose.** The purpose of the appropriation in
6 Section 2 is to provide grant funding and assistance in the amount
7 of \$100,000 to the Recipient to fund mental health outreach and
8 awareness efforts.

9 **Section 4. Approving and Authorizing the Mayor and the**
10 **Corporation Secretary to Execute Grant Agreement.** The Mayor, or her
11 designee, and the Corporation Secretary are hereby authorized to
12 execute and deliver an agreement between the City of Jacksonville and
13 Recipient in substantially the form placed **Revised On File** with the
14 Legislative Services Division and incorporated herein by this
15 reference.

16 **Section 5. Invoking the Exemption in Section 126.107(g),**
17 **Ordinance Code.** The City is hereby authorized to procure the use of
18 the services of Recipient to provide services related to mental health
19 awareness and outreach. Pursuant to Section 126.107(g) (Exemptions),
20 Part 1 (General Regulations), Chapter 126 (Procurement Code),
21 *Ordinance Code*, such procurement is exempted from competitive
22 solicitation because the supplies or services are to be provided by
23 those specifically prescribed within authorizing legislation that
24 appropriates the same. With the exception of the foregoing, all other
25 provisions of Chapter 126, *Ordinance Code*, shall remain in full force
26 and effect.

27 **Section 6. Waiving Section 118.201(f) (7) (Release of**
28 **Appropriations), Ordinance Code.** Section 118.201(f) (7) (Release of
29 Appropriations), Chapter 118 (City Grants), *Ordinance Code*, is hereby
30 waived as to the disbursement of funds based upon draws for services
31 performed or reimbursements for work done. Waiver of Section

1 118.201(f)(7), Ordinance Code, is requested to allow for advance
2 payments in excess of 10% to the Recipient. In specific, the Recipient
3 will receive a lump sum payment of \$50,000 to be paid prior to the
4 performance of services for advertising, printing, and other "hard"
5 costs needed to launch the campaign, consistent with the provisions
6 of the grant agreement **Revised On File**.

7 **Section 7. Waiver of Section 118.301(a)(3)(iv), Ordinance**
8 **Code.** The provisions of Section 118.301(a)(3)(iv) (Expenditure of
9 Appropriated Funds), Part 3 (Administration of City Grants), Chapter
10 118 (City Grants), *Ordinance Code*, are hereby waived to allow for
11 grant funds up to a maximum of \$5,000 to be expensed for costs of
12 amusements, social activities and incidental costs relating thereto,
13 such as meals and beverages. The justification for this waiver is to
14 allow the Recipient to purchase refreshments at the community events
15 to be held in connection with the mental health awareness initiative.

16 **Section 8. Requesting One Cycle Emergency Passage Pursuant**
17 **to Council Rule 4.901 Emergency.** One cycle emergency passage of this
18 legislation is requested. The nature of the emergency is that the
19 Commission desires a summer launch of the mental health initiative
20 to coincide with the Commission sponsored mini-grant programs
21 occurring this summer, thereby making it desirable to accelerate the
22 Council approval process to coordinate the Commission's efforts.

23 **Section 9. Oversight Department.** The Division of Grants
24 and Contract Compliance of the Department of Finance shall oversee
25 the project described herein.

26 **Section 10. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become
27 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
28 without the Mayor's signature.

1 Form Approved:

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3 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

4 Office of General Counsel

5 Legislation Prepared By: Harry M. Wilson, IV

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