

1 Introduced by Council Member Johnson:
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4 **ORDINANCE 2026-579**

5 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FORGIVENESS TO MADE A WAY
6 FOUNDATION, INC. ("MADE A WAY"), FOR NON-
7 COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENT TO MAINTAIN A
8 SEPARATE BANK ACCOUNT FOR DEPOSIT AND
9 DISBURSEMENT OF CITY GRANT FUNDS IN SECTION
10 118.201 (RELEASE OF APPROPRIATIONS), PART 2
11 (DISBURSEMENT OF CITY GRANTS), CHAPTER 118 (CITY
12 GRANTS), *ORDINANCE CODE*; AUTHORIZING THE COUNCIL
13 AUDITOR TO REMOVE MADE A WAY FROM THE CHAPTER
14 118 NON-COMPLIANCE LIST; REQUIRING THE GRANTS
15 AND CONTRACT COMPLIANCE DIVISION OF THE FINANCE
16 DEPARTMENT TO COORDINATE WITH THE COUNCIL
17 AUDITOR'S OFFICE TO EFFECTUATE THIS ORDINANCE;
18 PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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20 **WHEREAS**, Section 118.201, *Ordinance Code*, requires City grant
21 recipients to keep grant funds in a separate bank account from other
22 organization funds; and

23 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Ordinance 2022-690-E, Made A Way
24 Foundation, Inc. ("Made A Way"), was awarded \$9,000 as part of a
25 larger grant program recommended by the Safety and Crime Reduction
26 Commission, which provided grant funding and assistance to
27 organizations that propose programs that can help reduce crime county
28 wide; and

29 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Ordinance 2022-690-E and the 2022-2023
30 Safety and Crime Reduction Commission Small Grant Program Agreement
31 between the City of Jacksonville and Made A Way, Made A Way was

required to adhere to Chapter 118, Parts 1 - 5, *Ordinance Code*; and

WHEREAS, on November 26, 2024, Made A Way was added to the Chapter 118 Non-Compliance List for failing to provide the required grant reporting by the November 15, 2024, due date; and

WHEREAS, on April 10, 2026, Made A Way provided its annual report and supporting documentation to the Council Auditor's Office, and during the Council Auditor's review it was discovered that Made A Way deposited City grant funds into an account that also contained non-city funds which resulted in Made a Way remaining on the Chapter 118 Non-Compliance List; and

WHEREAS, although the Council Auditor's review found that all City grant funds were expended or returned to the City in accordance with the Agreement, Made A Way is not eligible to be removed for the Chapter 118 Non-Compliance List due to City grant funds being deposited into and disbursed from a bank account that contained other funds; and

WHEREAS, Made A Way is not eligible to receive further City grants due to it being on the Non-Compliance List and has requested the City Council forgive the non-compliance described above and authorize the Council Auditor to remove Made A Way from the Non-Compliance List; now therefore

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

Section 1. Recitals. The Recitals above are true and correct and incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 2. Forgiveness of Non-Compliance. The City Council forgives Made A Way Foundation, Inc.'s non-compliance with the requirements of Section 118.201 (Release of Appropriations), Part 2 (Disbursement of City Grants), Chapter 118 (City Grants), *Ordinance Code*, for failing to maintain City grant funds in a separate bank account.

Section 3. Removal from the Non-Compliance List. The City

1 Council authorizes the Council Auditor to remove Made A Way from the
2 Non-Compliance List for the non-compliance described in Section 2
3 above.

4 **Section 4. Requiring Coordination with the Council**
5 **Auditor's Office.** The Grants and Contract Compliance Division of the
6 Finance Department shall cooperate with the Council Auditor's Office
7 as necessary to effectuate this Ordinance.

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

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12 Form Approved:

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14 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

15 Office of General Counsel

16 Legislation Prepared By: Mary E. Staffopoulos

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