

Introduced by Council Member Howland and Co-Sponsored by Council Members Clark-Murray and Peluso and amended by the Neighborhoods, Community Services, Public Health and Safety Committee:

ORDINANCE 2025-27-E

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$152,362 FROM A GENERAL FUND OPERATING SPECIAL COUNCIL CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT TO THE GENERAL FUND OPERATING SUBSIDIES AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO PRIVATE ORG ACCOUNT, TO PROVIDE CITY GRANT FUNDING TO GOODWILL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH FLORIDA, INC. ("GOODWILL") FOR THE CORNER AT DEBS STORE - GOODCAREERS CENTER (THE "PROGRAM") AS DESCRIBED HEREIN; WAIVING SECTION 118.107 (NONPROFITS TO RECEIVE FUNDING THROUGH A COMPETITIVE EVALUATED AWARD PROCESS), PART 1 (GENERAL PROVISIONS), CHAPTER 118 (CITY GRANTS), *ORDINANCE CODE*, TO ALLOW FOR A DIRECT CONTRACT WITH GOODWILL; APPROVING, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, OR HER DESIGNEE, AND THE CORPORATION SECRETARY TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER ON BEHALF OF THE CITY A GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE AND GOODWILL FOR THE PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR OVERSIGHT BY THE GRANTS AND CONTRACT COMPLIANCE DIVISION OF THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

Section 1. Appropriation. For the 2024-2025 fiscal year, within the City's budget, there is hereby appropriated the indicated

sum(s) from the account(s) listed in subsection (a) to the account(s) listed in subsection (b):

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

(a) Appropriated from:

See **Exhibit 1** \$152,362

(b) Appropriated to:

See **Exhibit 1** \$152,362

(c) Explanation of Appropriation:

The funding above is an appropriation of \$152,362 from a General Fund Operating Special Council Contingency account to the General Fund Operating Subsidies and Contributions to Private Org account, to provide a grant to Goodwill Industries of North Florida, Inc. ("Goodwill") for The Corner at Debs Store - GoodCareers Center (the "Program") as described herein.

Section 2. Purpose. The purpose of the appropriation in Section 1 is to provide grant funds from the City of Jacksonville to Goodwill Industries of North Florida, Inc. for The Corner at Debs Store - GoodCareers Center as described in **Revised Exhibit 2**, labeled as "Revised Exhibit 2, Rev Term Sheet & Budget, February 3, 2025 - NCSPHS" attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference. The Program focuses on residents in Jacksonville's "Out East" community and is designed to close the wealth gap by offering education and career services at no cost through the GoodCareers Center. The primary objective of the Program is to provide stable, well-paid employment that improves financial stability for families while offering job training for future career growth. This is accomplished through quarterly workforce development workshops, referrals to A-STEP (Academic Support Through the Employment Process) programs, workforce development training, and comprehensive

1 employment support services to include soft skills training, resume
2 preparation, job search assistance and individualized career
3 counseling. Goodwill will use the City funds to expand the Program
4 and anticipates providing services to at least 300 residents in the
5 Out East community in fiscal year 2024-2025. The City funds will be
6 used to pay for the salaries and benefits for an A-STEP College
7 Navigator, a GoodCareers Employment Specialist and a GoodCareers
8 Support Specialist. In addition, a portion of the City funds will pay
9 for direct educational costs for individuals participating in the
10 Program including tuition and fees for Program courses.

11 **Section 3. Waiver of Section 118.107, Ordinance Code.** The
12 provisions of Section 118.107 (Nonprofits to receive funding through
13 a competitive evaluated award process), Part 1 (General Provisions),
14 Chapter 118 (City Grants), *Ordinance Code*, are hereby waived to allow
15 for a direct contract with Goodwill. This waiver is justified because
16 Goodwill has years of experience in hiring and workforce development
17 and the Program has already shown success in providing assistance to
18 residents in the Out East community. The City funds will allow
19 Goodwill to assist additional residents to further the goal of
20 creating stability for many underserved families in Jacksonville.

21 **Section 4. Approval and Authorization to Execute.** There is
22 hereby approved, and the Mayor, or her designee, and the Corporation
23 Secretary are hereby authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of
24 the City, a grant agreement with Goodwill Industries of North Florida,
25 Inc., in an amount not-to-exceed \$152,362, subject to the Term Sheet
26 and Budget more particularly described in **Revised Exhibit 2**, for a
27 term commencing on October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025, and
28 all other contracts and documents, including extensions, renewals and
29 amendments to the agreement, and to otherwise take all action
30 necessary to effectuate the intent of this Ordinance, subject to
31 appropriate legal review and approval by the General Counsel, or his

1 or her designee, and the City's Risk Management Division for
2 appropriate insurance and indemnification requirements in accordance
3 with Section 128.601, *Ordinance Code*.

4 **Section 5. Oversight Department.** The Grants and Contract
5 Compliance Division of the Finance Department shall oversee the
6 project described herein.

7 **Section 6. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become
8 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
9 without the Mayor's signature.

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11 Form Approved:

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14 Office of General Counsel

15 Legislation Prepared By: Mary E. Staffopoulos

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