

1 Introduced by the Council President at the request of the Mayor & Co-  
2 Sponsored by Council Members Freeman and Gaffney and amended by the  
3 Neighborhoods, Community Services, Public Health and Safety  
4 Committee:

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7 **ORDINANCE 2021-719-E**

8 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$324,509.00  
9 (\$260,000.00 IN GRANT FUNDS FROM AMERICORPS  
10 SENIORS, FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE CORPORATION FOR  
11 NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE, AND A \$64,509.00  
12 CASH MATCH FROM THE CITY FROM GENERAL FUND -  
13 GENERAL SERVICE DISTRICT FUND BALANCE) FOR THE  
14 DUVAL COUNTY SENIOR COMPANION PROGRAM (THE  
15 "PROGRAM"), WHICH PROVIDES VOLUNTEER ASSISTANCE  
16 FOR SENIORS AGED 60 YEARS AND OLDER WHO HAVE ONE  
17 OR MORE PHYSICAL OR MENTAL HEALTH LIMITATIONS TO  
18 ALLOW THEM TO MAINTAIN A HIGHER LEVEL OF  
19 INDEPENDENT LIVING, AS INITIATED BY REVISED B.T.  
20 21-114; PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION; AUTHORIZING A  
21 CLERICAL SUPPORT AIDE III POSITION, AS INITIATED  
22 BY R.C. 21-173; PROVIDING FOR CITY OVERSIGHT BY  
23 THE SENIOR SERVICES DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT  
24 OF PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES;  
25 PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

28 **Section 1. Appropriation.** For the 2021-2022 fiscal year,  
29 within the City's budget, there is hereby appropriated the indicated  
30 sum from the account(s) listed in subsection (a) to the account(s)  
31 listed in subsection (b):

1 (Revised B.T. 21-114, attached hereto as **Revised Exhibit 1**, labeled  
2 as "Revised Exhibit 1, Rev B.T. 21-114, October 18, 2021 - NCSPHS"  
3 and incorporated herein by this reference):

4 (a) Appropriated from:

5 See Revised B.T. 21-114 \$324,509.00

6 (b) Appropriated to:

7 See Revised B.T. 21-114 \$324,509.00

8 (c) Explanation of Appropriation:

9 The funding above comprises \$260,000.00 in grant funds (the  
10 "Grant") from AmeriCorps Seniors (formerly known as the  
11 Corporation for National and Community Service)  
12 ("AmeriCorps") and an additional appropriation of  
13 \$64,509.00 from the City from General Fund - General  
14 Service District Fund Balance, for the Duval County Senior  
15 Companion Program (the "Program"). The Grant period  
16 commences July 1, 2021 and ends June 30, 2024.

17 **Section 2. Purpose.** The purpose of the appropriation in  
18 Section 1 is to provide funding for the Program which focuses on  
19 providing aid and friendship to older adults who have difficulty with  
20 daily living tasks by connecting eligible seniors with Program  
21 volunteers. The Program serves seniors aged 60 years and older who  
22 have one or more physical, emotional, or mental health limitations  
23 and who need assistance to achieve and maintain a higher level of  
24 independent living. Program volunteers will visit the seniors 3 to  
25 4 days a week, for a minimum of 4 hours, to provide companionship and  
26 assistance and a broader opportunity for social networking. The  
27 Grant and matching funds will be used for Program staff salary and  
28 benefits, volunteer stipends, meals and mileage, volunteer  
29 recognition events, supplies, training and travel. The Notice of  
30 Grant Award is attached hereto as **Exhibit 2** and incorporated herein  
31 by this reference.

1           **Section 3.           Approval of Position.** There is hereby approved  
2 the Clerical Support Aide III position more fully described in R.C.  
3 21-173, attached hereto as **Exhibit 3** and incorporated herein by this  
4 reference.

5           **Section 4.           Oversight Department.** The Senior Services  
6 Division of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services  
7 shall oversee administration of the Grant and shall provide oversight  
8 of the Program and position described herein.

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

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13 Form Approved:

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15           /s/ Paige H. Johnston          

16 Office of General Counsel

17 Legislation prepared by: Mary E. Staffopoulos

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