

1 Introduced by Council Member Carrico:  
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4 **ORDINANCE 2024-875**

5 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$100,000 FROM A  
6 DESIGNATED SPECIAL COUNCIL CONTINGENCY TO THE  
7 GENERAL FUND OPERATING, SUBSIDIES AND  
8 CONTRIBUTIONS TO PRIVATE ORG ACCOUNT, TO PROVIDE  
9 CITY GRANT FUNDING TO WEGOTCHU ENTERPRISES NPO,  
10 INC. ("WEGOTCHU") FOR THE WEGOTCHU SALUD  
11 WELLNESS PROGRAM (THE "PROGRAM") AS DESCRIBED  
12 HEREIN; WAIVING SECTION 118.107 (NONPROFITS TO  
13 RECEIVE FUNDING THROUGH A COMPETITIVE EVALUATED  
14 AWARD PROCESS), PART 1 (GENERAL PROVISIONS),  
15 CHAPTER 118 (CITY GRANTS), *ORDINANCE CODE*, TO  
16 ALLOW FOR A DIRECT CONTRACT WITH WEGOTCHU  
17 ENTERPRISES NPO, INC.; APPROVING, AND  
18 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, OR HER DESIGNEE, AND THE  
19 CORPORATION SECRETARY TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER ON  
20 BEHALF OF THE CITY A GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE  
21 CITY OF JACKSONVILLE AND WEGOTCHU FOR THE  
22 PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR OVERSIGHT BY THE GRANTS  
23 AND CONTRACT COMPLIANCE DIVISION OF THE FINANCE  
24 DEPARTMENT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

27 **Section 1. Appropriation.** For the 2024-2025 fiscal year,  
28 within the City's budget, there is hereby appropriated the indicated  
29 sum(s) from the account(s) listed in subsection (a) to the account(s)  
30 listed in subsection (b):

31 (The account information is attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** and

1 incorporated herein by this reference)

2 (a) Appropriated from:

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

4 (b) Appropriated to:

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

6 (c) Explanation of Appropriation:

7 The funding above is an appropriation of \$100,000 from a  
8 Designated Special Council Contingency to the General Fund  
9 Operating, Subsidies and Contributions to Private Org  
10 account, to provide a grant to Wegotchu Enterprises NPO,  
11 Inc. ("Wegotchu") for the Wegotchu Salud Wellness Program  
12 (the "Program") as described herein.

13 **Section 2. Purpose.** The purpose of the appropriation in  
14 Section 1 is to provide grant funds from the City of Jacksonville to  
15 Wegotchu for the Wegotchu Salud Wellness Program as described in  
16 **Exhibit 2**, attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.  
17 The Program was created to raise awareness regarding infectious  
18 diseases and to provide a dedicated community resource  
19 center/infectious disease clinic that focuses on treating infectious  
20 diseases. Wegotchu strives to provide medical education, intervention  
21 and prevention services for low-income Duval County residents living  
22 with or at risk of contracting an infectious disease, including by  
23 working with each patient to create a personalized wellness plan.  
24 The City funds will be used for various expenses to operate and  
25 administer the Program including paying a portion of the salaries for  
26 the Program Director, the Medical Director, a Registered Nurse, a  
27 Case Manager and a Community Engagement Supervisor, as well as costs  
28 for rent, medical software and various office supplies. In addition,  
29 a portion of the City funds will be used to purchase personal  
30 protective equipment for the medical professionals providing medical  
31 services and HIV/AIDS testing kits for the Program patients.

1           **Section 3.           Waiver of Section 118.107, Ordinance Code.** The  
2 provisions of Section 118.107 (Nonprofits to receive funding through  
3 a competitive evaluated award process), Part 1 (General Provisions),  
4 Chapter 118 (City Grants), *Ordinance Code*, are hereby waived to allow  
5 for a direct contract with Wegotchu. This waiver is justified because  
6 Wegotchu takes a unique approach to addressing a variety of issues  
7 that affect individuals with infectious diseases. More specifically,  
8 the Program provides medical services to underserved populations in  
9 Duval County while also offering a "90 Day Prep Program" or "PrEP"  
10 as a prevention strategy for people who are at higher risk of  
11 contracting HIV. PrEP participants receive workforce development  
12 assistance, financial education and income support and benefits  
13 exploration assistance.

14           **Section 4.           Approval and Authorization to Execute.** There is  
15 hereby approved, and the Mayor, or her designee, and the Corporation  
16 Secretary are hereby authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of  
17 the City a grant agreement with Wegotchu Enterprises NPO, Inc. in an  
18 amount not-to-exceed \$100,000, subject to the Term Sheet and Budget  
19 more particularly described in **Exhibit 2**, for a term commencing on  
20 October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025, and all other contracts  
21 and documents, including extensions, renewals and amendments to the  
22 agreement, and to otherwise take all action necessary to effectuate  
23 the intent of this Ordinance, subject to appropriate legal review and  
24 approval by the General Counsel, or his or her designee, and the  
25 City's Risk Management Division for appropriate insurance and  
26 indemnification requirements in accordance with Section 128.601,  
27 *Ordinance Code*.

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

31           **Section 6.           Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become

1 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective  
2 without the Mayor's signature.

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4 Form Approved:

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6           /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos          

7 Office of General Counsel

8 Legislation Prepared By: Mary E. Staffopoulos

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