

Introduced by the Council President at the request of the Mayor:

ORDINANCE 2025-643

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$6,752,972.00 FROM THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY ("EPA") FOR THE CHRISTOBEL SEPTIC TANK PHASE-OUT PROJECT, AS INITIATED BY B.T. 25-112; AMENDING THE 2025-2029 FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN APPROVED BY ORDINANCE 2024-505-E TO REFLECT EPA GRANT FUNDING FOR THE PROJECT; PROVIDING FOR OVERSIGHT BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT DIVISION; 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):

(B.T. 25-112 attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** and incorporated herein by this reference)

(a) Appropriated from:

See B.T. 25-112	\$6,752,972.00
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(b) Appropriated to:

See B.T. 25-112	\$6,752,972.00
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(c) Explanation of Appropriation:

The funding above represents an appropriation of grant funding in the amount of \$6,752,972.00 from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for the Christobel Septic Tank Phase-Out project (the "Project"). No local match is

required.

Section 2. Purpose. The purpose of the appropriation in Section 1 is to replace onsite sewage treatment and disposal systems with central sewage connections in order to provide central water and sewer services to unserved areas. The Christobel neighborhood borders the Ribault River and was identified as an area of high priority according to the agreement with JEA to phase out septic tanks. The appropriation will provide funding for the construction of a complete gravity sewer collection system with two submersible pump stations and force main piping, and central sewer service to the project area. The expected outcomes include the abandonment of approximately 310 septic systems with resultant reductions in bacteriological and nutrient loading to the St. Johns River and tributaries, provide infrastructure that will support future development, and provide central sewer service to a total of 495 parcels. A copy of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Grant Agreement (Grant Number: 05D40025) providing the terms and conditions relative to receipt and expenditure of the grant funds has been placed **On File** with the Legislative Services Division.

Section 3. Capital Improvement Plan Amendment. Ordinance 2024-505-E, adopting the 2025-2029 Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan (the "CIP") for the City and certain of its independent agencies, is hereby amended to reflect U.S. Environmental Protection Agency grant funding for the Project as more fully described in the Project Information Sheet attached hereto as **Exhibit 2** and incorporated herein by this reference. The City Council finds that the deferral of this amendment of the CIP until the next annual budget and CIP review will be detrimental to the best interests of the community because such deferral will result in unnecessary delay of the Project and loss of grant funding for the Project.

Pursuant to Section 122.605(c), *Ordinance Code*, enactment of

1 this Ordinance requires the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the
2 City Council members present at the meeting because of the CIP
3 amendment set forth in this section. This Ordinance shall constitute
4 an amendment to Ordinance 2024-505-E. In all other respects, the CIP
5 approved by Ordinance 2024-505-E shall remain unchanged and continue
6 in full force and effect.

7 **Section 4. Oversight.** The Department of Public Works,
8 Engineering and Construction Management Division, shall oversee
9 administration of the grant and Project described herein.

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

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14 Form Approved:

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16 /S/ Joelle J. Dillard

17 Office of General Counsel

18 Legislation Prepared By: Joelle J. Dillard

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