

1 Introduced by Council Member Peluso and Co-Sponsored by Council Member  
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5 **ORDINANCE 2025-13-E**

6 AN ORDINANCE REGARDING THE CULTURAL SERVICE  
7 GRANTS ALLOCATED BY THE CULTURAL COUNCIL OF  
8 GREATER JACKSONVILLE, INC., TO JACKSONVILLE  
9 SYMPHONY ASSOCIATION, INC. AND WJCT, INC.  
10 (COLLECTIVELY, THE "AGENCIES"), IN FISCAL YEAR  
11 2023-2024 PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 118 (CITY GRANTS),  
12 PART 6 (CULTURAL SERVICE GRANTS AND ART IN  
13 PUBLIC PLACES), SUBPART A (CULTURAL SERVICE  
14 GRANT PROGRAM), *ORDINANCE CODE*; PROVIDING  
15 FORGIVENESS TO THE AGENCIES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE  
16 WITH THE INDIVIDUAL BANK ACCOUNT REQUIREMENT IN  
17 SECTION 118.609 (RESTRICTIONS FOR USE OF  
18 CULTURAL SERVICE GRANTS), *ORDINANCE CODE*;  
19 AUTHORIZING THE COUNCIL AUDITOR TO REMOVE THE  
20 AGENCIES FROM THE CHAPTER 118 NON-COMPLIANCE  
21 LIST; PROVIDING FOR CITY OVERSIGHT BY THE GRANTS  
22 AND CONTRACT COMPLIANCE DIVISION OF THE FINANCE  
23 DEPARTMENT; REQUESTING ONE CYCLE EMERGENCY  
24 PASSAGE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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26 **WHEREAS**, during the fiscal year 2023-2024 annual budget  
27 process, the City Council appropriated funds to the Cultural Council  
28 of Greater Jacksonville, Inc. (the "Cultural Council") for  
29 administration of the Cultural Service Program which provides a  
30 mechanism for public support of organizations that contribute to the  
31 cultural quality of life to Jacksonville's citizens through the award

1 of various cultural service and capital grants; and

2       **WHEREAS,** the Cultural Council awarded capital grants in fiscal  
3 year 2023-2024 to Jacksonville Symphony Association, Inc. and WJCT,  
4 Inc. (collectively, the "Agencies") in accordance with the Cultural  
5 Service Grant and Capital Grant Program outlined in Chapter 118 (City  
6 Grants), Part 6 (Cultural Service Grants and Art in Public Places),  
7 Subpart A (Cultural Service Grant Program), *Ordinance Code*; and

8       **WHEREAS,** Section 118.609, *Ordinance Code*, requires cultural  
9 service grant recipients to keep Cultural Service Program grant funds  
10 in a separate bank account from other organization funds; and

11       **WHEREAS,** during the fiscal year 2023-2024 cultural service  
12 grant period, the Agencies inadvertently made grant administration  
13 transfer errors that caused the Agencies to be non-compliant with  
14 Section 118.609 of the *Ordinance Code* and, as a result, the Agencies  
15 were placed on the Council Auditor's Chapter 118, *Ordinance Code*,  
16 non-compliance list (the "Non-Compliance List"); and

17       **WHEREAS,** as a consequence of being on the Non-Compliance List,  
18 the Agencies are ineligible to receive future cultural service grants,  
19 including Cultural Service Program grants for fiscal year 2024-2025;  
20 and

21       **WHEREAS,** the Agencies request that the City Council forgive  
22 the non-compliance described above and authorize the Council Auditor  
23 to remove the Agencies from the Non-Compliance List; now therefore

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

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

27       **Section 2. Forgiveness of Non-Compliance by Agencies.** The  
28 City Council hereby forgives the Agencies for the inadvertent grant  
29 administration transfer errors made by the Agencies during the fiscal  
30 year 2023-2024 cultural service grant period that resulted in the  
31 Agencies's non-compliance with the separate bank account requirement

1 contained in Subsection 118.609(b), *Ordinance Code*.

2       **Section 3.       Removal from the Non-Compliance List.** The City  
3 Council authorizes the Council Auditor to remove the Agencies from  
4 the Non-Compliance List for the non-compliance described in Section  
5 2 above.

6       **Section 4.       Oversight Department.** The Grants and Contract  
7 Compliance Division of the Finance Department shall cooperate with  
8 the Council Auditor as needed to effectuate this Ordinance.

9       **Section 5.       Requesting One Cycle Emergency Passage Pursuant**  
10 **to Council Rule 4.901 Emergency.** One cycle emergency passage of this  
11 legislation is requested. The nature of the emergency is that the  
12 Agencies have requested to be removed from the Non-Compliance List  
13 to be eligible to apply for fiscal year 2024-2025 Cultural Service  
14 Program grants in time to meet relevant application and award  
15 deadlines.

16       **Section 6.       Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become  
17 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective  
18 without the Mayor's signature.

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20 Form Approved:

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22           /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos          

23 Office of General Counsel

24 Legislation Prepared By: Mary E. Staffopoulos

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