

1 Introduced by Council Member Boylan and Co-Sponsored by Council
2 Members Clark-Murray, Peluso and Carlucci and amended by the
3 Neighborhoods, Community Services, Public Health and Safety
4 Committee:

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7 **ORDINANCE 2023-803-E**

8 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$1,000,000 FROM A
9 DESIGNATED SPECIAL COUNCIL CONTINGENCY TO THE
10 SUBSIDIES AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO PRIVATE
11 ORGANIZATIONS ACCOUNT TO PROVIDE FUNDING TO
12 UNITED WAY OF NORTHEAST FLORIDA, INC. ("UNITED
13 WAY") FOR THE EVICTION DIVERSION PROGRAM
14 DESCRIBED HEREIN; PROVIDING FOR CARRYOVER OF
15 FUNDS TO FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025; INVOKING THE
16 EXEMPTION IN SECTION 126.107(G) (EXEMPTIONS),
17 PART 1 (GENERAL REGULATIONS), CHAPTER 126
18 (PROCUREMENT CODE), *ORDINANCE CODE*, TO ALLOW FOR
19 A DIRECT CONTRACT WITH UNITED WAY; WAIVING
20 SECTION 118.107 (NONPROFITS TO RECEIVE FUNDING
21 THROUGH A COMPETITIVE EVALUATED AWARD PROCESS),
22 PART 1 (GENERAL PROVISIONS), CHAPTER 118 (CITY
23 GRANTS), *ORDINANCE CODE*, TO ALLOW FOR A DIRECT
24 CONTRACT WITH UNITED WAY; APPROVING, AND
25 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, OR HER DESIGNEE, AND THE
26 CORPORATION SECRETARY TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER ON
27 BEHALF OF THE CITY AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY
28 OF JACKSONVILLE AND UNITED WAY OF NORTHEAST
29 FLORIDA, INC. FOR THE EVICTION DIVERSION
30 PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR OVERSIGHT BY THE GRANTS
31 AND CONTRACTS COMPLIANCE DIVISION OF THE FINANCE

AND ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT; PROVIDING AN
EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

Section 1. Appropriation. For the 2023-2024 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** \$1,000,000

(b) Appropriated to:

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

(c) Explanation of Appropriation:

The funding above is an appropriation of \$1,000,000 from a
Designated Special Council Contingency account to the
Subsidies and Contributions to Private Organizations
account to provide funding to United Way of Northeast
Florida, Inc. ("United Way") for the Eviction Diversion
Program (the "Program").

Section 2. Purpose. The purpose of the appropriation in
Section 1 is to provide funding from the City of Jacksonville to
United Way for eviction diversion services to eligible households in
Duval County. United Way, in coordination with Jewish Family and
Community Services, Jacksonville Area Legal Aid and the Fourth
Judicial Circuit Court, will administer the Program and will serve
as a primary referral source for families facing eviction. United Way
will also coordinate with Program partners and other community
providers to recruit landlords to reach out proactively when they
have families facing eviction due to temporary loss of income or a

1 temporary increase in expenses. United Way will also monitor the
2 impact and success of the Program and provide reports regarding same
3 to the City Council.

4 An integral part of the Program will entail employing two
5 dedicated facilitators (funded through other program dollars) that
6 will work closely with both landlords and the Courts to quickly
7 identify eviction cases, both pre-suit and after litigation has been
8 filed, that meet the eligibility criteria to receive assistance as
9 outlined in **Revised Exhibit 2**, labeled as as "Revised Exhibit 2, Rev
10 Term Sheet, December 4, 2023 - NCSPHS", attached hereto and
11 incorporated herein by this reference. The Program will provide
12 assistance to eligible households in Duval County who are delinquent
13 of payment of rent, certain utilities and/or home energy costs due
14 on or after November 1, 2023, resulting in the potential for non-
15 payment notice and filing of an eviction in Duval County. In addition
16 to the other criteria outlined in **Revised Exhibit 2**, qualified
17 households must show proof that the total household income is equal
18 to or below the ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed)
19 threshold based on household composition. Finally, to receive funds
20 through the Program the recipient(s) must also clearly demonstrate
21 their ability to financially remain self-sufficient after eviction
22 diversion funds are disbursed.

23 **Section 3. Carryover.** The funds appropriated by this
24 Ordinance shall not lapse but shall carryover to fiscal year 2024-
25 2025.

26 **Section 4. Invoking the Exemption in Section 126.107(g),**
27 **Ordinance Code.** The City is hereby authorized to directly procure
28 the professional services of United Way of Northeast Florida, Inc.
29 for the provision of eviction diversion services. Pursuant to Section
30 126.107(g) (Exemptions), Part 1 (General Regulations), Chapter 126
31 (Procurement Code), *Ordinance Code*, such procurement is exempted from

1 competitive solicitation because the supplies or services are to be
2 provided by those specifically prescribed within authorizing
3 legislation that appropriates the same. With the exception of the
4 foregoing, all other provisions of Chapter 126, *Ordinance Code*, shall
5 remain in full force and effect.

6 **Section 5. Waiver of Section 118.107, *Ordinance Code*.** The
7 provisions of Section 118.107 (Nonprofits to receive funding through
8 a competitive evaluated award process), Part 1 (General Provisions),
9 Chapter 118 (City Grants), *Ordinance Code*, are hereby waived to allow
10 for a direct contract with United Way of Northeast Florida, Inc.
11 United Way is uniquely situated to provide the services described
12 herein, as a significant number of calls (approximately 65,000)
13 received through United Way's 2-1-1 help line are from residents
14 seeking rent and utility assistance. In addition, United Way
15 previously worked with the City to distribute federal emergency rent
16 and utility assistance dollars to qualified households in Duval
17 County. United Way also has existing partnerships with other providers
18 in Duval County who can assist in ensuring these dollars are
19 distributed efficiently and to those most in need.

20 **Section 6. Approval and Authorization to Execute.** There is
21 hereby approved, and the Mayor, or her designee, and the Corporation
22 Secretary are hereby authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of
23 the City an agreement with United Way of Northeast Florida, Inc. in
24 an amount not-to-exceed \$1,000,000, subject to the Scope of Services
25 and Budget more particularly described in **Revised Exhibit 2**, for a
26 term commencing on January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024, and all
27 other contracts and documents, including extensions, renewals and
28 amendments to the agreement, and to otherwise take all action
29 necessary to effectuate the intent of this Ordinance, subject to
30 appropriate legal review and approval by the General Counsel, or his
31 or her designee, and the City's Risk Management Division for

1 appropriate insurance and indemnification requirements in accordance
2 with Section 128.601, *Ordinance Code*.

3 **Section 7. Oversight Department.** The Grants and
4 Contract Compliance Division of the Finance and Administration
5 Department shall oversee the project described herein.

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

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10 Form Approved:

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12 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

13 Office of General Counsel

14 Legislation Prepared By: Mary E. Staffopoulos

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