

1 Introduced by Council Member Boylan and Co-Sponsored by Council
2 Members Salem, Clark-Murray, Peluso and Amaro:

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5 **ORDINANCE 2025-100-E**

6 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$500,000 FROM A
7 GENERAL FUND OPERATING DESIGNATED CONTINGENCY
8 ACCOUNT TO THE GENERAL FUND OPERATING SUBSIDIES
9 AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO PRIVATE ORG ACCOUNT, TO
10 PROVIDE CITY GRANT FUNDING TO WE CARE
11 JACKSONVILLE, INC. ("WE CARE JAX") TO SUPPORT
12 THE JAXCARECONNECT PROGRAM (THE "PROGRAM") AS
13 DESCRIBED HEREIN; PROVIDING FOR CARRYOVER TO
14 FEBRUARY 28, 2026; WAIVING SECTION 118.107
15 (NONPROFITS TO RECEIVE FUNDING THROUGH A
16 COMPETITIVE EVALUATED AWARD PROCESS), PART 1
17 (GENERAL PROVISIONS), CHAPTER 118 (CITY GRANTS),
18 *ORDINANCE CODE*, TO ALLOW FOR A DIRECT CONTRACT
19 WITH WE CARE JAX FOR THE PROGRAM; APPROVING, AND
20 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, OR HER DESIGNEE, AND THE
21 CORPORATION SECRETARY TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER ON
22 BEHALF OF THE CITY A GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE
23 CITY OF JACKSONVILLE AND WE CARE JACKSONVILLE,
24 INC. FOR THE PROGRAM; WAIVING THE CONFLICTING
25 PROVISIONS OF SECTION 118.805 (ELIGIBILITY TO
26 APPLY FOR PUBLIC SERVICE GRANTS), PART 8 (PUBLIC
27 SERVICE GRANTS), CHAPTER 118 (CITY GRANTS),
28 *ORDINANCE CODE*, TO ALLOW WE CARE JAX TO REMAIN
29 ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR FUNDING FROM OTHER CITY
30 GRANT PROGRAMS FOR THE PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR
31 OVERSIGHT BY THE GRANTS AND CONTRACT COMPLIANCE

1 DIVISION OF THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT; PROVIDING AN
2 EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

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

9 (The account information is attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** and
10 incorporated herein by this reference)

11 (a) Appropriated from:

12 See **Exhibit 1** \$500,000

13 (b) Appropriated to:

14 See **Exhibit 1** \$500,000

15 (c) Explanation of Appropriation:

16 The funding above is an appropriation of \$500,000 from a
17 General Fund Operating Designated Contingency account to
18 the General Fund Operating Subsidies and Contributions to
19 Private Org account, to provide a grant to We Care
20 Jacksonville, Inc. ("We Care Jax") to support the
21 JaxCareConnect Program (the "Program") as described
22 herein.

23 **Section 2. Purpose.** The purpose of the appropriation in
24 Section 1 is to provide grant funds from the City of Jacksonville to
25 We Care Jacksonville, Inc. to support the JaxCareConnect Program as
26 described in **Exhibit 2**, attached hereto and incorporated herein by
27 this reference. We Care Jax will use the City funds to pay the costs
28 to operate and administer the Program. The City funds will be used
29 to pay a portion of salaries and benefits of several full-time
30 employees including the Director of JaxCareConnect, an Administrative
31 & Marketing Specialist, and a Lead Patient Health Advocate, as well

1 as a portion of the salaries and benefits for the Executive Director,
2 Director of Business Operations and Director of Development for We
3 Care Jax. A portion of the salaries and benefits for three part-time
4 Patient Health Advocates and two part-time Intake Screeners will also
5 be offset by City funds. In addition, a portion of the City funds
6 will be used to cover a number of operating expenses including rent,
7 telephone and technology costs, and insurance as well as office
8 supplies, printing and advertising, marketing, professional services,
9 background screenings, Program evaluation and patient education,
10 equipment rentals and travel costs. Finally, a portion of the City
11 funds will pay for direct client expenses including medical,
12 educational, transportation, SMS communications and medical
13 translation services.

14 **Section 3. Carryover.** The funds appropriated herein shall
15 not lapse but shall carryover to February 28, 2026.

16 **Section 4. Waiver of Section 118.107, Ordinance Code.** The
17 provisions of Section 118.107 (Nonprofits to receive funding through
18 a competitive evaluated award process), Part 1 (General Provisions),
19 Chapter 118 (City Grants), *Ordinance Code*, are hereby waived to allow
20 for a direct contract with We Care Jax. This waiver is justified
21 because We Care Jax has successfully administered the Program since
22 2021 and maintains relationships with various medical providers and
23 health care administrators that are integral to the continued success
24 and growth of the Program.

25 **Section 5. Approval and Authorization to Execute.** There is
26 hereby approved, and the Mayor, or her designee, and the Corporation
27 Secretary are hereby authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of
28 the City, a grant agreement with We Care Jacksonville, Inc., in an
29 amount not-to-exceed \$500,000, subject to the Term Sheet and Budget
30 more particularly described in **Exhibit 2**, for a term commencing on
31 March 1, 2025 through February 28, 2026, and all other contracts and

1 documents, including extensions, renewals and amendments to the
2 agreement, and to otherwise take all action necessary to effectuate
3 the intent of this Ordinance, subject to appropriate legal review and
4 approval by the General Counsel, or his or her designee, and the
5 City's Risk Management Division for appropriate insurance and
6 indemnification requirements in accordance with Section 128.601,
7 *Ordinance Code*.

8 **Section 6. Waiving Conflicting Provisions of Section**
9 **118.805, *Ordinance Code*.** The conflicting provisions of Section
10 118.805 (Eligibility to Apply for Public Service Grants), Part 8
11 (Public Service Grants), Chapter 118 (City Grants), *Ordinance Code*,
12 are hereby waived. This waiver is necessary to ensure We Care Jax's
13 receipt of this City funding for the JaxCareConnect Program will not
14 impact the recipient's eligibility to apply for other City grant
15 funding for the Program.

16 **Section 7. Oversight Department.** The Grants and Contract
17 Compliance Division of the Finance Department shall oversee the
18 project described herein.

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

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23 Form Approved:

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25 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

26 Office of General Counsel

27 Legislation Prepared By: Mary E. Staffopoulos

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