

1 Introduced by Council Member Johnson:
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4 **ORDINANCE 2024-468**

5 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$100,000 FROM THE
6 SAFETY & CRIME REDUCTION CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT TO
7 A SUBSIDIES AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO PRIVATE
8 ORGANIZATIONS ACCOUNT FOR A GRANT TO BE MADE TO
9 WRITEJUSTNESS, LLC, A FLORIDA LIMITED LIABILITY
10 COMPANY, AN ORGANIZATION RECOMMENDED BY THE
11 SAFETY AND CRIME REDUCTION COMMISSION TO CARRY
12 OUT ITS MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS INITIATIVE;
13 APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE
14 CORPORATION SECRETARY TO EXECUTE A GRANT
15 AGREEMENT WITH WRITEJUSTNESS, LLC; INVOKING THE
16 EXEMPTION TO SECTION 126.107(G), *ORDINANCE CODE*,
17 TO EXEMPT THE AWARD OF THE GRANT AGREEMENT FROM
18 COMPETITIVE SOLICITATION; WAIVING SECTION
19 118.201(F)(7), *ORDINANCE CODE*, TO ALLOW FOR
20 DISBURSEMENT OF AN ADVANCE PAYMENT TO GRANT
21 RECIPIENT; WAIVING SECTION 118.301 (A)(3)(IV),
22 *ORDINANCE FUND*, TO ALLOW FOR A MAXIMUM AMOUNT
23 OF \$5,000 TO BE EXPENSED FOR COSTS OF
24 AMUSEMENTS, SOCIAL ACTIVITIES AND INCIDENTAL
25 COSTS RELATING THERETO, TO INCLUDE REFRESHMENTS
26 AT EVENTS; PROVIDING FOR OVERSIGHT; REQUESTING
27 ONE CYCLE EMERGENCY PASSAGE; PROVIDING AN
28 EFFECTIVE DATE.

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30 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 11.15 of Ordinance 2023-504-E, the
31 Council appropriated \$100,000 to the Safety and Crime Reduction

1 Commission (the "Commission") to make recommendations to the Council
2 on funding of grants for programs that address mental health, with
3 the condition that the Commission's recommendations regarding
4 specific dollars be addressed through separate legislation; and

5 **WHEREAS**, at its May 31, 2024 meeting, the Commission recommended
6 awarding a \$100,000 grant to Writejustness, LLC, a Florida limited
7 liability company (the "Recipient") to coordinate and lead a mental
8 health awareness initiative in the City, with an aim to engage
9 community members by, among other things, connecting them with mental
10 health resources and services, bringing awareness to the effects of
11 violence and anxiety, and ending the stigma against seeking mental
12 health care; now therefore

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

14 **Section 1. Incorporating Recitals.** The foregoing "WHEREAS"
15 clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct
16 and are hereby made a specific part of this Ordinance upon adoption
17 thereof.

18 **Section 2.** For the 2023-2024 fiscal year, within the City's
19 budget, there are hereby appropriated the indicated sum(s) from the
20 account(s) listed in subsection (a) to the account(s) listed in
21 subsection (b):

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

24 (a) Appropriated from:

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

26 (b) Appropriated to:

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

28 (c) Explanation of Appropriation

29 The appropriation above provides \$100,000 from the Safety
30 & Crime Reduction Contingency Account to fund a grant to
31 Recipient for its mental health awareness initiative

1 recommended by the Commission at its meeting of May 31,
2 2024.

3 **Section 3. Purpose.** The purpose of the appropriation in
4 Section 2 is to provide grant funding and assistance in the amount
5 of \$100,000 to the Recipient to fund mental health outreach and
6 awareness efforts.

7 **Section 4. Approving and Authorizing the Mayor and the**
8 **Corporation Secretary to execute grant agreements.** The Mayor, or her
9 designee, and the Corporation Secretary are hereby authorized to
10 execute and deliver agreements between the City of Jacksonville and
11 Recipient in substantially the form placed **On File** with the
12 Legislative Services Division and incorporated herein by this
13 reference.

14 **Section 5. Invoking the exception to Section 126.107(g),**
15 **Ordinance Code.** The City is hereby authorized to procure the use of
16 the services of Recipient to provide services related to mental health
17 awareness and outreach. Pursuant to Section 126.107(g) (Exemptions),
18 Part 1 (General Regulations), Chapter 126 (Procurement Code),
19 *Ordinance Code*, such procurement is exempted from competitive
20 solicitation because the supplies or services are to be provided by
21 those specifically prescribed within authorizing legislation that
22 appropriates the same. With the exception of the foregoing, all other
23 provisions of Chapter 126, *Ordinance Code*, shall remain in full force
24 and effect.

25 **Section 6. Waiving Section 118.201(f) (7) (Release of**
26 **Appropriations), Ordinance Code. Section** 118.201(f) (7) (Release of
27 Appropriations), Chapter 118 (City Grants), *Ordinance Code*, is hereby
28 waived as to the disbursement of funds based upon draws for services
29 performed or reimbursements for work done. Waiver of Section
30 118.201(f) (7), *Ordinance Code*, is requested to allow for advance
31 payments in excess of 10% to the Recipient. In specific, the Recipient

1 will receive a lump sum payment of \$50,000 to be paid prior to the
2 performance of services for advertising, printing, and other "hard"
3 costs needed to launch the campaign, consistent with the provisions
4 of the grant agreement **On File**.

5 **Section 7. Waiver of Section 118.301(a)(3)(iv), Ordinance**
6 **Code.** The provisions of Section 118.301(a)(3)(iv) (Expenditure of
7 Appropriated Funds), Part 3 (Administration of City Grants), Chapter
8 118 (City Grants), are hereby waived to allow for grant funds up to
9 a maximum of \$5,000 to be expensed for costs of amusements, social
10 activities and incidental costs relating thereto, such as meals and
11 beverages. The justification for this waiver is allow the Recipient
12 to purchase refreshments at the community events to be held in
13 connection with the mental health awareness initiative.

14 **Section 8. Requesting One Cycle Emergency Passage Pursuant**
15 **to Council Rule 4.901 Emergency.** One cycle emergency passage of this
16 legislation is requested. The nature of the emergency is that the
17 Commission desires a summer launch of the mental health initiative
18 to coincide with the Commission sponsored mini-grant programs
19 occurring this summer, thereby making it desirable to accelerate the
20 Council approval process to coordinate the Commission's efforts.

21 **Section 9. Oversight Department.** The Office of Grants and
22 Contract Compliance of the Finance and Administration Department
23 shall oversee the project described herein.

24 **Section 10. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall
25 become effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming
26 effective without the Mayor's signature.

1 Form Approved:

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3 /s/ Harry M. Wilson, IV

4 Office of General Counsel

5 Legislation prepared by: Harry M. Wilson, IV

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