

1 Introduced by Council Member White:
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4 **ORDINANCE 2024-818**

5 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$150,000 FROM THE
6 COUNCIL CONTINGENCY TO THE SUBSIDIES AND
7 CONTRIBUTIONS TO PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS ACCOUNT,
8 TO PROVIDE CITY FUNDING TO THE AMERICAN RED
9 CROSS NORTH FLORIDA REGION (THE "RED CROSS"),
10 FOR POST-DISASTER RELIEF EFFORTS IN DUVAL
11 COUNTY, FLORIDA AS DESCRIBED HEREIN; PROVIDING
12 FOR A REPORT FROM THE RED CROSS; INVOKING THE
13 EXEMPTION IN SECTION 126.108(G) (EXEMPTIONS FROM
14 COMPETITIVE SOLICITATION), PART 1 (GENERAL
15 REGULATIONS; ETHICS AND TRANSPARENCY IN PUBLIC
16 CONTRACTING), CHAPTER 126 (PROCUREMENT CODE),
17 *ORDINANCE CODE*, TO ALLOW FOR A DIRECT CONTRACT
18 WITH THE RED CROSS; WAIVING SECTION 118.107
19 (NONPROFITS TO RECEIVE FUNDING THROUGH A
20 COMPETITIVE EVALUATED AWARD PROCESS), PART 1
21 (GENERAL PROVISIONS), CHAPTER 118 (CITY GRANTS),
22 *ORDINANCE CODE*, TO ALLOW FOR A DIRECT CONTRACT
23 WITH THE RED CROSS; APPROVING, AND AUTHORIZING
24 THE MAYOR, OR HER DESIGNEE, AND THE CORPORATION
25 SECRETARY TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER ON BEHALF OF
26 THE CITY AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF
27 JACKSONVILLE AND AMERICAN RED CROSS NORTH
28 FLORIDA REGION; PROVIDING FOR OVERSIGHT BY THE
29 GRANTS AND CONTRACT COMPLIANCE DIVISION OF THE
30 FINANCE DEPARTMENT; REQUESTING EMERGENCY
31 PASSAGE UPON INTRODUCTION; PROVIDING AN

1 EFFECTIVE DATE.

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3 **WHEREAS,** the American Red Cross was founded in 1881 with a
4 mission dedicated to serving people in need; and

5 **WHEREAS,** in 1900, the American Red Cross received its first
6 congressional charter and was tasked by the federal government to
7 provide services to members of the Armed forces and their families
8 as well as to provide disaster relief in the United States and around
9 the world; and

10 **WHEREAS,** the services and support of the American Red Cross
11 have become vital to residents throughout the United States before
12 and after small and large-scale emergency events and natural
13 disasters; and

14 **WHEREAS,** in the State of Florida and other similarly situated
15 coastal regions of the country, the need for assistance from the
16 American Red Cross and similar organizations is significant during
17 hurricane season; and

18 **WHEREAS,** the American Red Cross North Florida Region serves
19 approximately 3.8 million residents in 35 counties, including Duval
20 County, Florida and surrounding counties, both prior to and after a
21 disaster event; and

22 **WHEREAS,** the State of Florida has recently experienced the
23 effects of Hurricane Helene and efforts to restore its communities
24 have only just begun; now the City of Jacksonville/Duval County and
25 the State of Florida will face another significant weather event when
26 Hurricane Milton reaches its shores; and

27 **WHEREAS,** in recognition of the important services provided by
28 the American Red Cross, and specifically by the American Red Cross
29 North Florida Region to northeast Florida and Duval County, the City
30 desires to provide financial assistance to offset the costs to provide
31 pre- and post-disaster relief services to the residents of Duval

1 County; and

2 **WHEREAS**, the City encourages other government agencies and
3 entities and private organizations to offer financial support to the
4 American Red Cross to provide immediate and vital support to those
5 affected by disaster events; now therefore

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

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

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

13 (a) Appropriated from:

14 See **Exhibit 1** \$150,000

15 (b) Appropriated to:

16 See **Exhibit 1** \$150,000

17 (c) Explanation of Appropriation:

18 The funding above is an appropriation of \$150,000 from the
19 Council Contingency to the Subsidies and Contributions to
20 Private Organizations account, to provide City funds to
21 the American Red Cross North Florida Region ("Red Cross")
22 for pre- and post-disaster relief efforts in Duval County,
23 Florida as described herein.

24 **Section 2. Purpose.** The purpose of the appropriation in
25 Section 1 is to provide funds from the City of Jacksonville to the
26 Red Cross to support its pre- and post-disaster relief efforts in
27 Duval County, Florida. The Red Cross has already extended its efforts
28 throughout the State of Florida to assist those most in need after
29 the devastating impacts of Hurricane Helene. As with the rest of the
30 State, the City of Jacksonville/Duval County is now preparing for
31 Hurricane Milton, and the support and services provided by the

1 American Red Cross will be vital to assist Duval County residents
2 dealing with the aftermath of this storm. Therefore, the City would
3 like to contribute funds to assist in this effort, and encourages
4 other government entities and agencies, local governments and private
5 entities to join the City in support of this organization.

6 The Red Cross will use the City funds appropriated herein for a
7 number of mass care support initiatives to assist Duval County
8 residents and shelters in need of support including, but not limited
9 to, providing heated and shelf-stable meals/food, snacks and water
10 pre- and post-disaster, supplies for shelters, shelter and nursing
11 kits, comfort (personal hygiene) kits, volunteer training materials,
12 financial assistance (as needed), and post landfall emergency
13 supplies, to include clean-up kits.

14 **Section 3. Reporting.** The Red Cross will provide a report
15 on the expenditure of City funds to the City Council within 90 days
16 of expenditure of the City funds. The report shall provide information
17 regarding the number of items/supplies purchased and distributed, the
18 number of persons served or assisted with the City funds, and other
19 information as appropriate to reflect the impact and expenditure of
20 City funds for Duval County residents.

21 **Section 4. Invoking the Exemption in Section 126.108(g),**
22 **Ordinance Code.** The City is hereby authorized to directly procure
23 the professional services of the American Red Cross North Florida
24 Region for disaster-related support to Duval County residents as
25 described herein. Pursuant to Section 126.108(g) (Exemptions from
26 competitive solicitation), Part 1 (General Regulations; Ethics and
27 Transparency in Public Contracting), Chapter 126 (Procurement Code),
28 *Ordinance Code*, such procurement is exempted from competitive
29 solicitation because the supplies or services are to be provided by
30 those specifically prescribed within authorizing legislation. With
31 the exception of the foregoing, all other provisions of Chapter 126,

1 *Ordinance Code*, shall remain in full force and effect.

2 **Section 5. Waiver of Section 118.107, *Ordinance Code*.** The
3 provisions of Section 118.107 (Nonprofits to receive funding through
4 a competitive evaluated award process), Part 1 (General Provisions),
5 Chapter 118 (City Grants), *Ordinance Code*, are hereby waived to allow
6 for a direct contract with the Red Cross. This waiver is justified
7 because the American Red Cross was established to provide disaster
8 relief services and support throughout the United States and around
9 the world. The Red Cross has a well-established network at both the
10 federal and state level to provide these vital services before and
11 immediately after an emergency event or natural disaster. The American
12 Red Cross North Florida Region is uniquely situated to ensure Duval
13 County residents receive vital emergency-relief services immediately
14 after Hurricane Milton and other similar natural disasters affecting
15 Duval County residents.

16 **Section 6. Approval and Authorization to Execute.** There is
17 hereby approved, and the Mayor, or her designee, and the Corporation
18 Secretary are hereby authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of
19 the City an agreement with American Red Cross North Florida Region
20 in an amount not-to-exceed \$150,000 for disaster relief services and
21 support as described herein, and all other contracts and documents,
22 including extensions, renewals and amendments to the agreement, and
23 to otherwise take all action necessary to effectuate the intent of
24 this Ordinance, subject to appropriate legal review and approval by
25 the General Counsel, or his or her designee, and the City's Risk
26 Management Division for appropriate insurance and indemnification
27 requirements in accordance with Section 128.601, *Ordinance Code*.

28 **Section 7. Oversight Department.** The Grants and Contract
29 Compliance Division of the Finance Department shall oversee the
30 project described herein.

31 **Section 8. Requesting Emergency Passage Upon Introduction**

1 **Pursuant to Council Rule 4.901 Emergency.** Emergency passage upon
2 introduction of this legislation is requested. The nature of the
3 emergency is that the City of Jacksonville/Duval County and other
4 Duval County municipalities and their residents are preparing for
5 Hurricane Milton. These funds will be used to directly support post-
6 hurricane disaster relief efforts in Duval County immediately after
7 the storm.

8 **Section 9. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become
9 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
10 without the Mayor's signature.

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12 Form Approved:

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14 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

15 Office of General Counsel

16 Legislation Prepared By: Mary E. Staffopoulos

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