

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

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5 **ORDINANCE 2026-187-E**

6 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$30,000 FROM THE
7 MULTIYEAR PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES - COUNCIL
8 DISTRICT 01 COMMUNITY BENEFITS AGREEMENT -
9 CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT TO THE GENERAL FUND
10 OPERATING - SUBSIDIES AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO
11 PRIVATE ORG ACCOUNT TO PROVIDE FUNDING TO NORTH
12 FLORIDA SCHOOL OF SPECIAL EDUCATION, INC.
13 ("NFSSE") FOR THE NFSSE VOCATIONAL
14 TRAINING/COMMUNITY INTEGRATED EMPLOYMENT
15 PROGRAM (THE "PROGRAM") AS DESCRIBED HEREIN;
16 PROVIDING FOR CARRYOVER TO FISCAL YEAR 2026-
17 2027; WAIVING SECTION 118.107 (NONPROFITS TO
18 RECEIVE FUNDING THROUGH A COMPETITIVE EVALUATED
19 AWARD PROCESS; WAIVER AND DISCLOSURES), PART 1
20 (GENERAL PROVISIONS), CHAPTER 118 (CITY GRANTS),
21 *ORDINANCE CODE*, TO ALLOW FOR A DIRECT CONTRACT
22 WITH NFSSE; APPROVING, AND AUTHORIZING THE
23 MAYOR, OR HER DESIGNEE, AND THE CORPORATION
24 SECRETARY TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER ON BEHALF OF
25 THE CITY A GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF
26 JACKSONVILLE AND NORTH FLORIDA SCHOOL OF SPECIAL
27 EDUCATION, INC. FOR THE PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR
28 OVERSIGHT BY THE GRANTS AND CONTRACT COMPLIANCE
29 DIVISION OF THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT; PROVIDING AN
30 EFFECTIVE DATE.
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1 creating and selling pottery, animation and mosaics), (2) Barkin'
2 Biscuits Pet Bakery (making and packaging all-natural dog treats),
3 and (3) Berry Good Blooms (growing farm fresh flowers and flower
4 arranging). The goal of the Program is to provide the students with
5 opportunities to develop the skills needed to be job ready and to
6 participate in workplace experiences while also removing barriers to
7 developing their job readiness. The City funds will be used to pay
8 a portion of the salaries for the three Managers who oversee these
9 respective activities. The Program activities supported by the City
10 funds will all be offered from the NFSSE's Vocational Training Center
11 located at 223 Mill Creek Road in Council District 1.

12 **Section 3. Carryover.** The funds appropriated herein shall
13 not lapse but shall carryover to fiscal year 2026-2027.

14 **Section 4. Waiver of Section 118.107, Ordinance Code.** The
15 provisions of Section 118.107 (Nonprofits to receive funding through
16 a competitive evaluated award process; waiver and disclosures), Part
17 1 (General Provisions), Chapter 118 (City Grants), *Ordinance Code*,
18 are hereby waived to allow for a direct contract with North Florida
19 School of Special Education, Inc. This waiver is justified because
20 NFSSE offers a unique vocational program designed to provide
21 individuals with developmental and intellectual disabilities with the
22 opportunity to learn a variety of skills to assist them in obtaining
23 meaningful employment. NFSSE has provided the Affidavit of Disclosure
24 required by subsection 118.107(b)(2), *Ordinance Code*, attached hereto
25 as **Exhibit 3** to accompany this waiver.

26 **Section 5. Approval and Authorization to Execute.** There is
27 hereby approved, and the Mayor, or her designee, and the Corporation
28 Secretary are hereby authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of
29 the City a grant agreement with North Florida School of Special
30 Education, Inc. in an amount not-to-exceed \$30,000, subject to the
31 Term Sheet and Budget more particularly described in **Exhibit 2**, for

1 a term commencing on March 1, 2026 through February 28, 2027, and all
2 other contracts and documents, including extensions, renewals and
3 amendments to the agreement, and to otherwise take all action
4 necessary to effectuate the intent of this Ordinance, subject to
5 appropriate legal review and approval by the General Counsel, or his
6 or her designee, and the City's Risk Management Division for
7 appropriate insurance and indemnification requirements in accordance
8 with Section 128.601, *Ordinance Code*.

9 **Section 6. Oversight Department.** The Grants and
10 Contract Compliance Division of the Finance Department shall oversee
11 the grant described herein.

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

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16 Form Approved:

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18 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

19 Office of General Counsel

20 Legislation Prepared By: Mary E. Staffopoulos

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