

1 Introduced by Council Member J. Carlucci:  
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4 **ORDINANCE 2026-543**

5 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$150,000 FROM THE  
6 MULTIYEAR PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES - COUNCIL  
7 DISTRICT 05 COMMUNITY BENEFITS AGREEMENT -  
8 CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT TO THE MULTIYEAR PROGRAMS  
9 AND INITIATIVES - SUBSIDIES AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO  
10 PRIVATE ORG ACCOUNT TO PROVIDE FUNDING TO ZAWYER  
11 SPORTS FOUNDATION, INC. ("ZSF") FOR THE DUVAL  
12 COUNTY COMMUNITY IMPACT INITIATIVE (THE  
13 "PROGRAM") AS DESCRIBED HEREIN; PROVIDING FOR  
14 CARRYOVER TO FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027; WAIVING  
15 SECTION 118.107 (NONPROFITS TO RECEIVE FUNDING  
16 THROUGH A COMPETITIVE EVALUATED AWARD PROCESS;  
17 WAIVER AND DISCLOSURES), PART 1 (GENERAL  
18 PROVISIONS), CHAPTER 118 (CITY GRANTS),  
19 *ORDINANCE CODE*, TO ALLOW FOR A DIRECT CONTRACT  
20 WITH ZSF; APPROVING, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR,  
21 OR HER DESIGNEE, AND THE CORPORATION SECRETARY  
22 TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER ON BEHALF OF THE CITY A  
23 GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE  
24 AND ZAWYER SPORTS FOUNDATION, INC. FOR THE  
25 PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR OVERSIGHT BY THE GRANTS  
26 AND CONTRACT COMPLIANCE DIVISION OF THE FINANCE  
27 DEPARTMENT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

30 **Section 1. Appropriation.** For the 2025-2026 fiscal year,  
31 within the City's budget, there are hereby appropriated the indicated

1 sum(s) from the account(s) listed in subsection (a) to the account(s)  
2 listed in subsection (b):

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

5 (a) Appropriated from:

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

7 (b) Appropriated to:

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

9 (c) Explanation of Appropriation:

10 The funding above represents an appropriation of \$150,000 from  
11 the Multiyear Programs and Initiatives - Council District 05  
12 Community Benefits Agreement - Contingency account to the  
13 Multiyear Programs and Initiatives - Subsidies and Contributions  
14 to Private Org account to provide funds to Zawyer Sports  
15 Foundation, Inc. ("ZSF") for the Duval County Community Impact  
16 Initiative (the "Program") as described herein.

17 **Section 2. Purpose.** The purpose of the appropriation in  
18 Section 1 is to provide Council District 5 Community Benefits  
19 Agreement funding from the City of Jacksonville to ZSF for the Program  
20 as described in **Exhibit 2**, attached hereto and incorporated herein  
21 by this reference. The Program provides affordable, inclusive, and  
22 adaptive recreational programming for low-income families and  
23 children in Duval County. The City funds will be used to purchase  
24 youth hockey gear, specialized adaptive sleds and equipment, and  
25 instructional resources for ZSF's literacy-linked sports education  
26 initiatives. The goal of the Program is to utilize the sport of  
27 hockey to build confidence, foster literacy, and create a sense of  
28 belonging for local youth and families. All Program activities funded  
29 with the City funds, including access to and use of hockey equipment  
30 and educational materials purchased with City funds, will be offered  
31 at the Icemen Igloo located at 3605 Philips Highway, Jacksonville,

1 Florida or other appropriate locations within Council District 5.

2       **Section 3. Carryover.** The funds appropriated herein shall  
3 not lapse but shall carryover to Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

4       **Section 4. Waiver of Section 118.107, Ordinance Code.** The  
5 provisions of Section 118.107 (Nonprofits to receive funding through  
6 a competitive evaluated award process; waiver and disclosures), Part  
7 1 (General Provisions), Chapter 118 (City Grants), *Ordinance Code*,  
8 are hereby waived to allow for a direct contract with Zawyer Sports  
9 Foundation, Inc. This waiver is justified because the Program offers  
10 a unique opportunity for Duval County youth and families to  
11 participate in structured sports activities that include a literacy  
12 and education component. In addition, the Program provides adaptive  
13 equipment to allow participation by youth and families who may have  
14 special needs. ZSF has provided the Affidavit of Disclosure required  
15 by subsection 118.107(b)(2), *Ordinance Code*, a copy of which is  
16 attached hereto as **Exhibit 3** and incorporated herein by this  
17 reference.

18       **Section 5. Approval and Authorization to Execute Agreement.**  
19 There is hereby approved, and the Mayor, or her designee, and the  
20 Corporation Secretary are hereby authorized to execute and deliver  
21 on behalf of the City a grant agreement with Zawyer Sports Foundation,  
22 Inc. in an amount not-to-exceed \$150,000, subject to the Term Sheet  
23 and Budget attached hereto as **Exhibit 2**, for a term commencing October  
24 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027, and to otherwise take all action  
25 necessary to effectuate the intent of this Ordinance, subject to  
26 appropriate legal review and approval by the Office of General Counsel  
27 and the City's Risk Management Division for appropriate insurance and  
28 indemnification requirements in accordance with Section 128.601,  
29 *Ordinance Code*.

30       **Section 6. Oversight.** The Grants and Contract Compliance  
31 Division of the Finance Department shall have oversight of the grant

1 described herein.

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

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6 Form Approved:

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8 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

9 Office of General Counsel

10 Legislation Prepared By: Mary E. Staffopoulos

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