

Introduced by Council Member Boylan:

ORDINANCE 2025-774-E

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, OR HER DESIGNEE, AND THE CORPORATION SECRETARY TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER, AN AMENDMENT TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 ARTICLE V TRUST FUND AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE AND JACKSONVILLE AREA LEGAL AID, INC. (THE "AGREEMENT"), ORIGINALLY APPROVED AND AUTHORIZED BY ORDINANCE 2023-504-E, TO EXTEND THE TERM OF THE AGREEMENT TO EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31, 2024; PROVIDING FOR CONTINUED OVERSIGHT BY THE GRANTS AND CONTRACT COMPLIANCE DIVISION OF THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Ordinance 2023-504-E, the City's Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget, appropriated \$1,080,620 and authorized the Mayor, or her designee, and the Corporation Secretary to execute on behalf of the City an agreement with Jacksonville Area Legal Aid, Inc. ("JALA") for the provision of legal aid services to the residents of Duval County; and

WHEREAS, the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Article V Trust Fund Agreement Between the City of Jacksonville and Jacksonville Area Legal Aid, Inc. (the "Agreement") expired on September 30, 2024, at which time \$27,812.48 remained unpaid to JALA for legal services pursuant to the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, during the period between September 30, 2024 and December 31, 2024, JALA continued to provide legal services however

1 the City was unable to tender payment for those services due to
2 expiration of the Agreement; and

3 **WHEREAS,** JALA has requested an extension to the term of the
4 grant agreement through December 31, 2024, so the remaining \$27,812.48
5 can be paid to JALA for legal services rendered pursuant to the terms
6 of the Agreement; now therefore

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

8 **Section 1. Approval and Authorization to Execute Amendment**
9 **to Agreement.** There is hereby approved, and the Mayor, or her
10 designee, and the Corporation Secretary are hereby authorized to
11 execute and deliver, an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Article
12 V Trust Fund Agreement Between the City of Jacksonville and
13 Jacksonville Area Legal Aid, Inc., originally approved and authorized
14 by Ordinance 2023-504-E, to extend the term of the Agreement to
15 December 31, 2024, with all other terms and conditions of the
16 Agreement remaining unchanged.

17 **Section 2. Oversight.** The Grants and Contract Compliance
18 Division of the Finance Department shall continue to have oversight
19 of the Agreement described herein.

20 **Section 3. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become
21 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
22 without the Mayor's signature.

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24 Form Approved:

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26 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

27 Office of General Counsel

28 Legislation Prepared By: Mary E. Staffopoulos

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