

1 Introduced by Council President at the request of the Mayor:

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4 **ORDINANCE 2023-188**

5 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING A \$2,000,000 GRANT
6 FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,
7 OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS, FOR THE MAYOR’S
8 VIOLENCE REDUCTION CENTER (“MVRC”) COMMUNITY-
9 BASED VIOLENCE INTERVENTION AND PREVENTION
10 INITIATIVE (“CVIPI”), AS INITIATED BY B.T. 23-
11 043; AUTHORIZING POSITIONS, AS INITIATED BY R.C.
12 23-095; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, OR HIS DESIGNEE,
13 AND THE CORPORATION SECRETARY TO EXECUTE AND
14 DELIVER, FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, AN
15 AGREEMENT WITH JUSTICE & SECURITY STRATEGIES,
16 INC.; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, OR HIS DESIGNEE,
17 AND THE CORPORATION SECRETARY TO EXECUTE AND
18 DELIVER, FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, AN
19 AGREEMENT WITH FAMILY FOUNDATIONS OF NORTHEAST
20 FLORIDA, INC.; INVOKING THE EXEMPTION IN SECTION
21 126.107(G) (EXEMPTIONS), PART 1 (GENERAL
22 REGULATIONS), CHAPTER 126 (PROCUREMENT CODE),
23 *ORDINANCE CODE*, TO DIRECT CONTRACT WITH JUSTICE
24 & SECURITY STRATEGIES, INC. AND FAMILY
25 FOUNDATIONS OF NORTHEAST FLORIDA, INC. FOR THE
26 PROVISION OF SERVICES FOR THE MVRC CVIPI;
27 PROVIDING FOR OVERSIGHT BY THE GRANTS AND
28 CONTRACT COMPLIANCE DIVISION; PROVIDING AN
29 EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

1 **Section 1. Appropriation.** For the 2022-2023 fiscal year,
2 within the City's budget, there is hereby appropriated the indicated
3 sum(s) from the account(s) listed in subsection (a) to the account(s)
4 listed in subsection (b):

5 (B.T. 23-043, attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** and incorporated herein
6 by this reference)

7 (a) Appropriated from:

8 See B.T. 23-043 \$2,000,000

9 (b) Appropriated to:

10 See B.T. 23-043 \$2,000,000

11 (c) Explanation of Appropriation:

12 The funding above represents a grant in the amount of
13 \$2,000,000 from the United States Department of Justice,
14 Bureau of Justice Assistance, to support the Mayor's
15 Violence Reduction Center ("MVRC") Community-Based
16 Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative ("CVIPI")
17 for the purpose of crime prevention and intervention and
18 improving public safety in Duval County. No local match
19 is required. The grant period commenced on October 1, 2022
20 and continues through September 30, 2025, with opportunity
21 for a no cost extension by the grantor.

22 **Section 2. Purpose.** The purpose of the appropriation in
23 Section 1 is to fund several positions within the Grants and Contract
24 Compliance Division to support the MVRC CVIPI and to procure
25 contractual services for the MVRC CVIPI as more specifically described
26 herein. Programs funded by this grant serve to interrupt the
27 transmission of violence in communities most affected by violent
28 crime. The City will utilize the grant funds to align intervention
29 activities in a community that has documented a large number of
30 homicides and whose members have been historically underserved,
31 marginalized, and adversely affected by inequality. In addition, the

1 MVRC CVIPI is designed to align community violence intervention assets
2 at a central hub, increasing protective factors and reducing shootings
3 in one of the deadliest communities in the country.

4 The MVRC CVIPI will also serve to expand and enhance the City's
5 current violent crime intervention strategy, Cure Violence. This
6 federal grant funding will unify the three existing Cure Violence
7 Jacksonville sites and other community-wide violence intervention
8 efforts at the MVRC. This effort will also link individual victims
9 of transgenerational violence with assessments, referrals for
10 wraparound services, education, workforce training and placement, and
11 follow-up services for up to one year. Participants will learn
12 family-sustaining lifestyles and vocational skills. Copies of the
13 Grant Award Letter (Award Number 15PBJA-22-GG-04710-CVIP), Award
14 Conditions, and Budget Narrative outlining the terms and conditions
15 and uses of the grant funds are attached hereto as **Exhibit 2** and
16 incorporated herein by this reference.

17 **Section 3. Approval of Positions.** There are hereby
18 approved the positions more fully described in R.C. 23-095, attached
19 hereto as **Exhibit 3** and incorporated herein by this reference.

20 **Section 4. Approval and Authorization to Execute an**
21 **Agreement Between the City and Justice & Security Strategies, Inc.**
22 **("JS&S, Inc.").** The Mayor, or his designee, and the Corporation
23 Secretary are hereby authorized to execute and deliver an agreement
24 between the City of Jacksonville and Justice & Security Strategies,
25 Inc. in a not-to-exceed amount of \$450,000, for the provision of
26 services to the MVRC CVIPI as more particularly described in **Exhibit**
27 **4**, attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference. The
28 agreement may include such additions, deletions and changes as may
29 be reasonable, necessary and incidental for carrying out the purposes
30 thereof, including any amendments thereto as necessary to comply with
31 the terms and conditions of the grant or to extend the agreement term

1 in conjunction with any extensions to the grant term, as may be
2 acceptable to the Mayor, or his designee, with such inclusion and
3 acceptance being evidenced by execution of the agreement or applicable
4 amendment thereto by the Mayor, or his designee; provided however,
5 no modifications or amendments to the agreement may increase the
6 financial obligations or liability of the City to an amount in excess
7 of the amount stated in the agreement or decrease the duties and
8 obligations of JS&S, Inc., and any such modifications shall be
9 technical only and shall be subject to appropriate legal review and
10 approval by the Office of General Counsel and the Office of Risk
11 Management for appropriate insurance and indemnification terms. For
12 the purposes of this Ordinance, the term "technical changes" is
13 defined as those changes having no financial impact to the City and
14 any other non-substantive changes that do not substantively increase
15 the duties and responsibilities of the City under the provisions of
16 the agreement.

17 **Section 5. Approval and Authorization to Execute an**
18 **Agreement Between the City and Family Foundations of Northeast**
19 **Florida, Inc. ("Family Foundations").** The Mayor, or his designee,
20 and the Corporation Secretary are hereby authorized to execute and
21 deliver an agreement between the City of Jacksonville and Family
22 Foundations of Northeast Florida, Inc. in a not-to-exceed amount of
23 \$568,331, for the provision of services in support of the MVRC CVIPI
24 and in furtherance of expansion of the Cure Violence initiative as
25 described in **Exhibit 5**, attached hereto and incorporated herein by
26 this reference. The agreement may include such additions, deletions
27 and changes as may be reasonable, necessary and incidental for
28 carrying out the purposes thereof, including any amendments thereto
29 as necessary to comply with the terms and conditions of the grant or
30 to extend the agreement term in conjunction with any extensions to
31 the grant term, as may be acceptable to the Mayor, or his designee,

1 with such inclusion and acceptance being evidenced by execution of
2 the agreement or applicable amendment thereto by the Mayor, or his
3 designee; provided however, no modifications or amendments to the
4 Agreement may increase the financial obligations or liability of the
5 City to an amount in excess of the amount stated in the agreement or
6 decrease the duties and obligations of Family Foundations, and any
7 such modifications shall be technical only and shall be subject to
8 appropriate legal review and approval by the Office of General Counsel
9 and the Office of Risk Management for appropriate insurance and
10 indemnification terms. For the purposes of this Ordinance, the term
11 "technical changes" is defined as those changes having no financial
12 impact to the City and any other non-substantive changes that do not
13 substantively increase the duties and responsibilities of the City
14 under the provisions of the agreement.

15 **Section 6. Invoking the Exemption in Section 126.107(g),**
16 **Ordinance Code.** The City is hereby authorized to enter into direct
17 agreements with Justice & Security Strategies, Inc. and Family
18 Foundations of Northeast Florida, Inc., for the purpose of providing
19 services to the MVRC CVIPI. Both entities were identified in the
20 City's grant application as vendors providing services in support of
21 this initiative. Pursuant to Section 126.107(g) (Exemptions), Part
22 1 (General Regulations), Chapter 126 (Procurement Code), *Ordinance*
23 *Code*, such procurement is exempted from competitive solicitation
24 because the supplies or services are to be provided by those
25 specifically described in the authorizing legislation that
26 appropriates the same. With the exception of the foregoing, all
27 other provisions of Chapter 126, *Ordinance Code*, shall remain in full
28 force and effect.

29 **Section 7. Oversight Department.** The Grants and Contract
30 Compliance Division shall oversee administration of the grant and
31 program described herein.

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

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5 Form Approved:

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7 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

8 Office of General Counsel

9 Legislation prepared by: Mary E. Staffopoulos

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