

1 Introduced by Council Member Peluso:  
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4 **ORDINANCE 2024-254**

5 AN ORDINANCE MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS;  
6 APPROPRIATING \$80,000, INCLUDING \$50,000 TO  
7 RIVERSIDE-AVONDALE PRESERVATION, INC. ("RAP"),  
8 \$20,000 TO SPRINGFIELD PRESERVATION AND  
9 REVITALIZATION COUNCIL, INC. ("SPAR") AND  
10 \$10,000 TO MURRAY HILL PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION  
11 OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA, INC. ("MHPA"), FROM  
12 DESIGNATED CONTINGENCY ACCOUNTS WITHIN THE  
13 GENERAL FUND TO THE GENERAL FUND OPERATING -  
14 MISCELLANEOUS GRANTS AND AIDS ACCOUNT TO PROVIDE  
15 FUNDING FOR VARIOUS SERVICES AND INITIATIVES AS  
16 DESCRIBED HEREIN; PROVIDING FOR CARRYOVER OF  
17 FUNDS TO DECEMBER 31, 2024; INVOKING THE  
18 EXEMPTION IN SECTION 126.107(G) (EXEMPTIONS),  
19 PART 1 (GENERAL REGULATIONS), CHAPTER 126  
20 (PROCUREMENT CODE), *ORDINANCE CODE*, TO ALLOW FOR  
21 DIRECT CONTRACTS WITH RIVERSIDE-AVONDALE  
22 PRESERVATION, INC., SPRINGFIELD PRESERVATION  
23 AND REVITALIZATION COUNCIL, INC. AND MURRAY HILL  
24 PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION OF JACKSONVILLE,  
25 FLORIDA, INC., FOR THE SERVICES AND INITIATIVES  
26 DESCRIBED HEREIN; WAIVING SECTION 118.107  
27 (NONPROFITS TO RECEIVE FUNDING THROUGH A  
28 COMPETITIVE EVALUATED AWARD PROCESS), PART 1  
29 (GENERAL PROVISIONS), CHAPTER 118 (CITY GRANTS),  
30 *ORDINANCE CODE*, TO ALLOW FOR DIRECT CONTRACTS  
31 WITH RAP, SPAR AND MHPA; WAIVING SECTION 118.602

1 (RESPONSIBILITY), PART 6 (CULTURAL SERVICE GRANT  
2 PROGRAM), CHAPTER 118 (CITY GRANTS), *ORDINANCE*  
3 *CODE*, TO AUTHORIZE AWARD OF THIS FUNDING TO SPAR  
4 AND RAP IN ADDITION TO CULTURAL SERVICE GRANT  
5 FUNDING THAT HAS BEEN OR MAY BE AWARDED BY THE  
6 CULTURAL COUNCIL; APPROVING, AND AUTHORIZING THE  
7 MAYOR, OR HER DESIGNEE, AND CORPORATION  
8 SECRETARY TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER AGREEMENTS  
9 BETWEEN THE CITY AND RAP, SPAR AND MHPA;  
10 PROVIDING FOR OVERSIGHT BY THE GRANTS AND  
11 CONTRACT COMPLIANCE DIVISION OF THE FINANCE AND  
12 ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT; REQUESTING ONE CYCLE  
13 EMERGENCY PASSAGE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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15 **WHEREAS**, during the fiscal year 2023-2024 budget approval  
16 process, Council Members recommended for approval by the Council a  
17 variety of initiatives to be funded with available General Fund  
18 dollars; and

19 **WHEREAS**, during the Finance Committee budget hearings, Council  
20 Member Peluso proposed establishing a Neighborhood Investment  
21 Micro-Grant Program to provide funds to registered neighborhood and  
22 merchant organizations for initiatives that would enhance the quality  
23 of life for the City's residents; and

24 **WHEREAS**, this proposal was amongst those approved by the City  
25 Council for inclusion in the fiscal year 2023-2024 budget and \$75,000  
26 was set aside in a designated contingency for this Micro-Grant  
27 Program; and

28 **WHEREAS**, the Council wishes to reach more neighborhood  
29 organizations and is therefore proposing to also utilize a portion  
30 of the \$100,000 set aside as part of the fiscal year 2023-2024 budget  
31 in a designated contingency for Community Development Corporation

1 ("CDC") capacity building grants to fund additional neighborhood and  
2 merchant organization initiatives; and

3 **WHEREAS,** since adoption of the fiscal year 2023-2024 budget  
4 pursuant to Ordinance 2023-504-E, specific neighborhood organizations  
5 have been identified that currently provide a variety of services  
6 within their respective communities that will aid in beautifying and  
7 marketing these vibrant areas of the City, making them more attractive  
8 to residents, businesses and visitors; and

9 **WHEREAS,** to allow the funds set aside for the purpose of aiding  
10 neighborhood organizations in addition to a portion of the funds set  
11 aside for CDC capacity building initiatives to be effectively used  
12 as soon as possible, the Council has determined it to be in the best  
13 interests of the City to approve the appropriations outlined herein;  
14 now therefore

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

16 **Section 1. Findings.** It is hereby ascertained, determined,  
17 found and declared as follows:

18 (a) The recitals set forth above are true and correct and are  
19 incorporated herein by this reference.

20 (b) The authorizations provided by this Ordinance are for  
21 public uses and purposes for which the City may use its  
22 powers as a municipality and as a political subdivision of  
23 the State of Florida and may expend public funds, and the  
24 necessity in the public interest for the provisions herein  
25 enacted is hereby declared as a matter of legislative  
26 determination.

27 (c) This Ordinance is adopted pursuant to the provisions of  
28 Chapters 166 and 125, *Florida Statutes*, as amended, the  
29 City's Charter, and other applicable provisions of law.

30 **Section 2. Appropriation.** For the 2023-2024 fiscal year,  
31 within the City's budget, there is 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** \$80,000

7 (b) Appropriated to:

8 See **Exhibit 1** \$80,000

9 (c) Explanation of Appropriation:

10 The funding above is an appropriation of \$80,000 from  
11 Designated Contingency accounts within the General Fund to  
12 the General Fund Operating - Miscellaneous Grants and Aids  
13 account to provide funding for various services and  
14 initiatives as more particularly described herein, to  
15 include \$50,000 to Riverside-Avondale Preservation, Inc.  
16 ("RAP"), \$20,000 to Springfield Preservation and  
17 Revitalization Council, Inc. ("SPAR") and \$10,000 to Murray  
18 Hill Preservation Association of Jacksonville, Florida,  
19 Inc. ("MHPA").

20 **Section 3. Purpose.** The purpose of the appropriation in  
21 Section 2 is to provide funding from the City of Jacksonville to RAP,  
22 SPAR and MHPA for the provision of various services and initiatives  
23 as more particularly described in the Term Sheets attached hereto as  
24 **Exhibit 2** and incorporated herein by this reference. The services and  
25 initiatives to be provided by each organization are designed to  
26 beautify and improve public spaces within the Riverside/Avondale,  
27 Springfield and Murray Hill neighborhoods, respectively, and to  
28 market the opportunities and services provided by each funded  
29 neighborhood organization to highlight their respective efforts at  
30 making these areas attractive to residents, businesses and visitors  
31 alike, while also creating community pride.

1           **Section 4. Carryover.** The funds appropriated by this  
2 Ordinance shall not lapse but shall carryover to December 31, 2024.

3           **Section 5. Invoking the Exemption in Section 126.107(g),**  
4 **Ordinance Code.** The City is hereby authorized to directly procure  
5 the professional services of Riverside-Avondale Preservation, Inc.,  
6 Springfield Preservation and Revitalization Council, Inc. and Murray  
7 Hill Preservation Association of Jacksonville, Florida, Inc., for the  
8 provision of services described in **Exhibit 2.** Pursuant to Section  
9 126.107(g) (Exemptions), Part 1 (General Regulations), Chapter 126  
10 (Procurement Code), *Ordinance Code*, such procurement is exempted from  
11 competitive solicitation because the supplies or services are to be  
12 provided by those specifically prescribed within authorizing  
13 legislation that appropriates the same. With the exception of the  
14 foregoing, all other provisions of Chapter 126, *Ordinance Code*, shall  
15 remain in full force and effect.

16           **Section 6. Waiver of Section 118.107, Ordinance Code.** The  
17 provisions of Section 118.107 (Nonprofits to receive funding through  
18 a competitive evaluated award process), Part 1 (General Provisions),  
19 Chapter 118 (City Grants), *Ordinance Code*, are hereby waived to allow  
20 for direct contracts with Riverside-Avondale Preservation, Inc.,  
21 Springfield Preservation and Revitalization Council, Inc. and Murray  
22 Hill Preservation Association of Jacksonville, Florida, Inc. This  
23 waiver is justified because each of these organizations has maintained  
24 long-standing connections with the residents and businesses in each  
25 of the respective neighborhoods they serve. These connections are  
26 crucial to best understand and serve the particular needs of each  
27 community and the public who visit these vibrant areas of the City.

28           **Section 7. Waiver of Section 118.602, Ordinance Code.**  
29 Section 118.602 (Responsibility), Part 6 (Cultural Service Grant  
30 Program), Chapter 118 (City Grants), *Ordinance Code*, is hereby waived  
31 to allow SPAR and RAP to receive this funding in addition to Cultural

1 Service Grant funding that has been or may be awarded by the Cultural  
2 Council.

3           **Section 8. Approval and Authorization to Execute**  
4 **Agreements.** There is hereby approved, and the Mayor, or her designee,  
5 and the Corporation Secretary are hereby authorized to execute and  
6 deliver on behalf of the City, agreements with the following entities  
7 for the specified not-to-exceed amounts: Riverside-Avondale  
8 Preservation, Inc. (\$50,000), Springfield Preservation and  
9 Revitalization Council, Inc. (\$20,000) and Murray Hill Preservation  
10 Association of Jacksonville, Florida, Inc. (\$10,000), subject to the  
11 terms, conditions and budgets outlined in the Term Sheet for each  
12 organization attached hereto as **Exhibit 2**, for a term commencing on  
13 January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024, and all other contracts  
14 and documents, including extensions, renewals and amendments to the  
15 agreements, and to otherwise take all action necessary to effectuate  
16 the intent of this Ordinance, subject to appropriate legal review and  
17 approval by the Office of General Counsel and the City's Risk  
18 Management Division for appropriate insurance and indemnification  
19 requirements in accordance with Section 128.601, *Ordinance Code*.

20           **Section 9. Oversight Department.** The Grants and  
21 Contract Compliance Division of the Finance and Administration  
22 Department shall oversee the projects described herein.

23           **Section 10. Requesting One Cycle Emergency Passage Pursuant**  
24 **to Council Rule 4.901 Emergency.** One cycle emergency passage of this  
25 legislation is requested. The nature of the emergency is that the  
26 funded organizations would like to begin relevant design and other  
27 work in coordination with the various contractors and consultants  
28 providing services for the initiatives to be funded with City dollars  
29 as soon as possible.

30           **Section 11. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become  
31 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective

1 without the Mayor's signature.

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3 Form Approved:

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5           /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos          

6 Office of General Counsel

7 Legislation Prepared By: Mary E. Staffopoulos

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