

Introduced by Council Member J. Carlucci:

ORDINANCE 2026-591

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

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

Section 1. Appropriation. For the 2025-2026 fiscal year, 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

described herein.

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

Form Approved:

/S/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

Office of General Counsel

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