

1 Introduced by Council Member Boylan:
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4 **ORDINANCE 2025-100**

5 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$500,000 FROM A
6 GENERAL FUND OPERATING DESIGNATED CONTINGENCY
7 ACCOUNT TO THE GENERAL FUND OPERATING SUBSIDIES
8 AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO PRIVATE ORG ACCOUNT, TO
9 PROVIDE CITY GRANT FUNDING TO WE CARE
10 JACKSONVILLE, INC. ("WE CARE JAX") TO SUPPORT
11 THE JAXCARECONNECT PROGRAM (THE "PROGRAM") AS
12 DESCRIBED HEREIN; PROVIDING FOR CARRYOVER TO
13 FEBRUARY 28, 2026; WAIVING SECTION 118.107
14 (NONPROFITS TO RECEIVE FUNDING THROUGH A
15 COMPETITIVE EVALUATED AWARD PROCESS), PART 1
16 (GENERAL PROVISIONS), CHAPTER 118 (CITY GRANTS),
17 *ORDINANCE CODE*, TO ALLOW FOR A DIRECT CONTRACT
18 WITH WE CARE JAX FOR THE PROGRAM; APPROVING, AND
19 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, OR HER DESIGNEE, AND THE
20 CORPORATION SECRETARY TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER ON
21 BEHALF OF THE CITY A GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE
22 CITY OF JACKSONVILLE AND WE CARE JACKSONVILLE,
23 INC. FOR THE PROGRAM; WAIVING THE CONFLICTING
24 PROVISIONS OF SECTION 118.805 (ELIGIBILITY TO
25 APPLY FOR PUBLIC SERVICE GRANTS), PART 8 (PUBLIC
26 SERVICE GRANTS), CHAPTER 118 (CITY GRANTS),
27 *ORDINANCE CODE*, TO ALLOW WE CARE JAX TO REMAIN
28 ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR FUNDING FROM OTHER CITY
29 GRANT PROGRAMS FOR THE PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR
30 OVERSIGHT BY THE GRANTS AND CONTRACT COMPLIANCE
31 DIVISION OF THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT; PROVIDING AN

1 EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

4 **Section 1. Appropriation.** For the 2024-2025 fiscal year,
5 within the City's budget, there is hereby appropriated the indicated
6 sum(s) from the account(s) listed in subsection (a) to the account(s)
7 listed in subsection (b):

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

10 (a) Appropriated from:

11 See **Exhibit 1** \$500,000

12 (b) Appropriated to:

13 See **Exhibit 1** \$500,000

14 (c) Explanation of Appropriation:

15 The funding above is an appropriation of \$500,000 from a
16 General Fund Operating Designated Contingency account to
17 the General Fund Operating Subsidies and Contributions to
18 Private Org account, to provide a grant to We Care
19 Jacksonville, Inc. ("We Care Jax") to support the
20 JaxCareConnect Program (the "Program") as described
21 herein.

22 **Section 2. Purpose.** The purpose of the appropriation in
23 Section 1 is to provide grant funds from the City of Jacksonville to
24 We Care Jacksonville, Inc. to support the JaxCareConnect Program as
25 described in **Exhibit 2**, attached hereto and incorporated herein by
26 this reference. We Care Jax will use the City funds to pay the costs
27 to operate and administer the Program. The City funds will be used
28 to pay a portion of salaries and benefits of several full-time
29 employees including the Director of JaxCareConnect, an Administrative
30 & Marketing Specialist, and a Lead Patient Health Advocate, as well
31 as a portion of the salaries and benefits for the Executive Director,

1 Director of Business Operations and Director of Development for We
2 Care Jax. A portion of the salaries and benefits for three part-time
3 Patient Health Advocates and two part-time Intake Screeners will also
4 be offset by City funds. In addition, a portion of the City funds
5 will be used to cover a number of operating expenses including rent,
6 telephone and technology costs, and insurance as well as office
7 supplies, printing and advertising, marketing, professional services,
8 background screenings, Program evaluation and patient education,
9 equipment rentals and travel costs. Finally, a portion of the City
10 funds will pay for direct client expenses including medical,
11 educational, transportation, SMS communications and medical
12 translation services.

13 **Section 3. Carryover.** The funds appropriated herein shall
14 not lapse but shall carryover to February 28, 2026.

15 **Section 4. Waiver of Section 118.107, Ordinance Code.** The
16 provisions of Section 118.107 (Nonprofits to receive funding through
17 a competitive evaluated award process), Part 1 (General Provisions),
18 Chapter 118 (City Grants), *Ordinance Code*, are hereby waived to allow
19 for a direct contract with We Care Jax. This waiver is justified
20 because We Care Jax has successfully administered the Program since
21 2021 and maintains relationships with various medical providers and
22 health care administrators that are integral to the continued success
23 and growth of the Program.

24 **Section 5. Approval and Authorization to Execute.** There is
25 hereby approved, and the Mayor, or her designee, and the Corporation
26 Secretary are hereby authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of
27 the City, a grant agreement with We Care Jacksonville, Inc., in an
28 amount not-to-exceed \$500,000, subject to the Term Sheet and Budget
29 more particularly described in **Exhibit 2**, for a term commencing on
30 March 1, 2025 through February 28, 2026, and all other contracts and
31 documents, including extensions, renewals and amendments to the

1 agreement, and to otherwise take all action necessary to effectuate
2 the intent of this Ordinance, subject to appropriate legal review and
3 approval by the General Counsel, or his or her designee, and the
4 City's Risk Management Division for appropriate insurance and
5 indemnification requirements in accordance with Section 128.601,
6 *Ordinance Code*.

7 **Section 6. Waiving Conflicting Provisions of Section**
8 **118.805, *Ordinance Code*.** The conflicting provisions of Section
9 118.805 (Eligibility to Apply for Public Service Grants), Part 8
10 (Public Service Grants), Chapter 118 (City Grants), *Ordinance Code*,
11 are hereby waived. This waiver is necessary to ensure We Care Jax's
12 receipt of this City funding for the JaxCareConnect Program will not
13 impact the recipient's eligibility to apply for other City grant
14 funding for the Program.

15 **Section 7. Oversight Department.** The Grants and Contract
16 Compliance Division of the Finance Department shall oversee the
17 project described herein.

18 **Section 8. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become
19 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
20 without the Mayor's signature.

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22 Form Approved:

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24 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

25 Office of General Counsel

26 Legislation Prepared By: Mary E. Staffopoulos

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