

Introduced by the Council President at the request of the Mayor and  
Co-Sponsored by Council Member Clark-Murray:

**ORDINANCE 2025-143-E**

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$479,076.00 IN GRANT  
FUNDING FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,  
BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE, EDWARD BYRNE  
MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM, TO  
FUND VARIOUS PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES AIMED AT  
CRIME CONTROL AND PREVENTION AND IMPROVING  
PUBLIC SAFETY IN DUVAL COUNTY, AS INITIATED BY  
B.T. 25-049; AUTHORIZING POSITIONS, AS INITIATED  
BY R.C. 25-072; PROVIDING FOR OVERSIGHT BY THE  
DIVISION OF GRANTS AND CONTRACT COMPLIANCE OF  
THE FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT;  
PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

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

(B.T. 25-049, attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** and incorporated herein  
by this reference):

(a) Appropriated from:

See B.T. 25-049	\$479,076.00
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(b) Appropriated to:

See B.T. 25-049	\$479,076.00
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(c) Explanation of Appropriation:

The funding above is a grant from the U.S. Department of

Justice ("DOJ"), Bureau of Justice Assistance, Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program to support various programs and activities aimed at crime control and prevention and improving public safety in Duval County. The grant period commenced on October 1, 2023 and continues through September 30, 2027. No City match is required.

**Section 2. Purpose.** The purpose of the appropriation in Section 1 is to provide funding for various programs and activities aimed at preventing and controlling crime and improving public safety throughout Duval County. A portion of these funds will be used to support the City's Jacksonville Journey Fast Forward Crime Reduction ("Fast Forward") and Intimate Violence Advanced Services Team ("InVest") programs. The Fast Forward program is designed to reduce crime by providing at-risk individuals with comprehensive support that includes completion of secondary education, vocational training, apprenticeship opportunities, and employment services. By focusing on education and skill-building, this initiative aims to empower individuals with the tools they need to lead productive, law-abiding lives, thereby reducing recidivism and preventing first-time offenses. The InVest program provides assistance to victims of domestic violence through collaborative partnerships with the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office, the City's Victim's Services Center, and Hubbard House, a not-for-profit, domestic service provider. In addition, the grant funds will be used to support contract management and monitoring personnel for the City's crime prevention, intervention, correction, rehabilitation and education programs.

A copy of the Grant Award from the U.S. Department of Justice dated December 4, 2024 (Award No. 15PBJA-24-GG-05344-JAGX) is attached hereto as **Exhibit 2** and incorporated herein by this reference.

**Section 3. Approval of Positions.** There are hereby

1 approved the positions more fully described in R.C. 25-072, attached  
2 hereto as **Exhibit 3** and incorporated herein by this reference.

3 **Section 4. Oversight Department.** The Division of  
4 Grants and Contract Compliance of the Finance and Administration  
5 Department shall oversee the grant and positions described herein.

6 **Section 5. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become  
7 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective  
8 without the Mayor's signature.

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10 Form Approved:

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12 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

13 Office of General Counsel

14 Legislation Prepared By: John Sawyer

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