

1 Introduced by the Council President at the request of the Mayor:
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4 **ORDINANCE 2021-152-E**

5 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$5,825,311.00 IN
6 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS FROM
7 THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN
8 DEVELOPMENT AUTHORIZED BY THE CORONAVIRUS AID,
9 RELIEF, AND ECONOMIC SECURITY ("CARES") ACT TO
10 BE USED TO PREVENT, PREPARE FOR, AND RESPOND
11 TO THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC ("COVID-19") BY
12 PROVIDING AID AND ASSISTANCE TO ELIGIBLE LOW-
13 AND MODERATE- INCOME INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES,
14 OR THOSE WHO LIVE IN AREAS DESIGNATED AS LOW-
15 AND MODERATE- INCOME, TO MITIGATE THE IMPACTS
16 OF COVID-19, AS INITIATED BY B.T. 21-044;
17 PURPOSE OF THE APPROPRIATION; INVOKING THE
18 EXCEPTION OF SECTION 126.107(G) (EXEMPTIONS),
19 PART 1 (GENERAL REGULATIONS), CHAPTER 126,
20 (PROCUREMENT CODE), *ORDINANCE CODE*, TO ALLOW
21 FOR A DIRECT CONTRACT WITH DOWNTOWN VISION,
22 INC.; APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, OR
23 HIS DESIGNEE, AND CORPORATION SECRETARY TO
24 EXECUTE AND DELIVER ON BEHALF OF THE CITY AN
25 AGREEMENT WITH DOWNTOWN VISION, INC. FOR THE
26 PROVISION OF SERVICES DESCRIBED IN THIS
27 ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR OVERSIGHT BY THE
28 HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION,
29 NEIGHBORHOODS DEPARTMENT; PROVIDING FOR
30 COMPLIANCE WITH ALL CARES ACT GRANT FUNDING
31 REQUIREMENTS AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS AS

1 PROVIDED BY LAW; REQUESTING EMERGENCY PASSAGE
2 UPON INTRODUCTION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE
3 DATE.
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5 **BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

6 **Section 1. Appropriation.** For the 2020-2021 fiscal year,
7 within the City's budget, there are hereby appropriated the
8 indicated sum(s) from the account(s) listed in subsection (a) to
9 the account(s) listed in subsection (b):

10 (B.T. 21-044 attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** and incorporated herein
11 by this reference)

12 (a) Appropriated from:

13 See B.T. 21-044 \$5,825,311.00

14 (b) Appropriated to:

15 See B.T. 21-044 \$5,825,311.00

16 (c) Explanation of Appropriation:

17 The funding above is an appropriation of Community
18 Development Block Grant funds in the amount of
19 \$5,825,311.00 from the U.S. Department of Housing and
20 Urban Development ("HUD") authorized by the CARES Act
21 (the "CDBG-CV Funds"). The CDBG-CV Funds will be
22 distributed as follows: (i) \$4,000,000.00 retained by the
23 City for projects related to acquisition and
24 rehabilitation of permanent supportive housing; (ii)
25 \$1,500,000.00 retained by the City for mortgage
26 foreclosure prevention services; (iii) \$150,000.00 to
27 Downtown Vision, Inc. to fund the Life Builders
28 Ambassador Program; and (iv) \$175,311.00 retained by the
29 City to cover administrative costs incurred by the
30 Housing and Community Development Division for
31 administration of permanent supportive housing projects

1 and mortgage foreclosure prevention services.

2 **Section 2. Purpose.** The purpose of the appropriation in
3 Section 1 is to provide aid and assistance to prevent, prepare for
4 and respond to COVID-19 by mitigating its impact on eligible low-
5 and moderate- income individuals and families or those who live in
6 areas designated as low- and moderate- income. The CDBG-CV Funds
7 may be used for short term (up to 6 months) mortgage and rental
8 payment assistance, homeless services, public service grants,
9 economic development projects, and public facility improvements
10 that meet a HUD-defined national objective. These funds may also
11 be used to cover or reimburse allowable costs incurred by the City
12 before the award of funding from HUD, including allowable costs
13 incurred prior to the signing of the CARES Act. A copy of the HUD
14 CDBG-CV Funds award letter is attached hereto as **Exhibit 2** and
15 incorporated herein by this reference.

16 **Section 3. Invoking the exception to Section 126.107(g),**
17 **Ordinance Code.** The City is hereby authorized to procure the use
18 of the professional services of Downtown Vision, Inc. ("DVI") to
19 provide Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus assistance
20 services (the "CDBG-CV Services") through its Life Builders
21 Ambassador Program. Pursuant to Section 126.107(g) (Exemptions),
22 Part 1 (General Regulations), Chapter 126 (Procurement Code),
23 *Ordinance Code*, such procurement is exempted from competitive
24 solicitation because the supplies or services are to be provided by
25 those specifically prescribed within 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
28 full force and effect. The Scope of Work and Program Budget more
29 particularly described in **Exhibit 3**, attached hereto and
30 incorporated herein by this reference, designates the CDBG-CV
31 Services to be performed by DVI as a subrecipient/subcontractor for

1 the City.

2 **Section 4. Authorizations.** The Mayor, or his
3 designee, and the Corporation Secretary are hereby authorized to
4 execute and deliver on behalf of the City an agreement with
5 Downtown Vision, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00,
6 subject to the Scope of Work and Program Budget more particularly
7 described in Exhibit 3, and all other contracts and documents,
8 including extensions, renewals and amendments to the agreement, and
9 otherwise take all action necessary to effectuate the intent of
10 this ordinance, subject to appropriate legal review and approval by
11 the General Counsel, or his or her designee, and the City's Risk
12 Management Division for appropriate insurance and indemnification
13 requirements in accordance with Section 128.601, *Ordinance Code*.

14 **Section 5. Oversight department.** The Housing and
15 Community Development Division, Neighborhoods Department shall
16 provide oversight of expenditure of the CDBG-CV Funds and the CDBG-
17 CV Services to be provided by Downtown Vision Alliance, Inc.

18 **Section 6. Compliance with applicable CARES Act grant**
19 **requirements.** Downtown Vision, Inc. will comply with all CARES Act
20 grant requirements in providing the CDBG-CV Services described in
21 this ordinance, and all other requirements provided by law
22 including, but not limited to, the audit requirements attached
23 hereto as **Exhibit 4** and incorporated herein by this reference.

24 **Section 7. Requesting emergency passage upon introduction**
25 **pursuant to Council Rule 4.901.** Emergency passage of this
26 legislation is requested upon introduction. The nature of the
27 emergency is that the negative economic impacts of COVID-19 are
28 ongoing and immediate economic assistance is needed to ensure
29 eligible individuals and families can retain their homes.

30 **Section 8. 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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4 Form Approved:

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6 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

7 Office of General Counsel

8 Legislation prepared by: Mary E. Staffopoulos

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