

Introduced by Council Member Gaffney, Jr.:

ORDINANCE 2025-471

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$125,000 FROM THE FOBT PIPELINE, INC. - CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT TO THE LOCAL INITIATIVE SUPPORT CORPORATION - SUBSIDIES AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO PRIVATE ORG ACCOUNT TO PROVIDE FUNDING TO LOCAL INITIATIVES SUPPORT CORPORATION D/B/A LISC JACKSONVILLE ("LISC"), FOR THE SMALL BUSINESS EMPLOYMENT RE-GRANT PROGRAM (THE "PROGRAM") AS DESCRIBED HEREIN; PROVIDING FOR CARRYOVER TO FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026; WAIVING SECTION 118.107 (NONPROFITS TO RECEIVE FUNDING THROUGH A COMPETITIVE EVALUATED AWARD PROCESS), PART 1 (GENERAL PROVISIONS), CHAPTER 118 (CITY GRANTS), *ORDINANCE CODE*, TO ALLOW FOR A DIRECT CONTRACT WITH LISC; WAIVING SUBSECTION 118.301(A)(3)(III) (EXPENDITURE OF APPROPRIATED FUNDS), PART 3 (ADMINISTRATION OF CITY GRANTS), CHAPTER 118 (CITY GRANTS), *ORDINANCE CODE*, TO ALLOW A PORTION OF THE CITY FUNDS TO BE USED FOR CONTRIBUTIONS AND DONATIONS TO OTHER GROUPS OR ORGANIZATIONS THROUGH THE PROGRAM; APPROVING, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, OR HER DESIGNEE, AND THE CORPORATION SECRETARY TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER ON BEHALF OF THE CITY AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE AND LOCAL INITIATIVES SUPPORT CORPORATION D/B/A LISC JACKSONVILLE 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 2024-2025 fiscal year, within the City's budget, there is hereby appropriated the indicated sum(s) from the account(s) listed in subsection (a) to the account(s) listed in subsection (b):

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

(a) Appropriated from:

See **Exhibit 1** \$125,000

(b) Appropriated to:

See **Exhibit 1** \$125,000

(c) Explanation of Appropriation:

The funding above is an appropriation of \$125,000 from the FOBT Pipeline, Inc. - Contingency account to the Local Initiatives Support Corporation - Subsidies and Contributions to Private Org account to provide funding to Local Initiatives Support Corporation d/b/a LISC Jacksonville ("LISC") for the Small Business Employment Re-Grant Program (the "Program").

Section 2. Purpose. The purpose of the appropriation in Section 1 is to provide City grant funds to LISC for the Program as described in **Exhibit 2**, attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference. The Program is designed to assist small and micro-businesses in Duval County by providing reimbursable employment grants to qualified entities to address capital gaps often experienced by small businesses. Specifically, the grant funds are intended to provide business growth and expansion opportunities via retention and creation of new jobs and will be awarded in amounts that range from

1 \$10,000 to \$20,000 per subrecipient. LISC will act as the lead agency
2 administering the Program to oversee the grant application, scoring
3 and award process as outlined in **Exhibit 2**. In addition, LISC will
4 ensure each subrecipient seeking reimbursement for qualified expenses
5 under the Program has provided the appropriate documentation and
6 justification of expenditures reflecting adherence to applicable City
7 Codes and policies, as well as appropriate contract terms, prior to
8 requesting funds from the City for reimbursement.

9 **Section 3. Carryover.** The funds appropriated herein
10 shall not lapse but shall carryover to fiscal year 2025-2026.

11 **Section 4. Waiver of Section 118.107, Ordinance Code.** The
12 provisions of Section 118.107 (Nonprofits to receive funding through
13 a competitive evaluated award process), Part 1 (General Provisions),
14 Chapter 118 (City Grants), *Ordinance Code*, are hereby waived to allow
15 for a direct contract with Local Initiatives Support Corporation
16 d/b/a LISC Jacksonville. LISC is uniquely situated to administer this
17 Program because it has a long history of working with small and
18 micro-businesses.

19 **Section 5. Waiver of Subsection 118.301(a)(3)(iii),**
20 **Ordinance Code.** Subsection 118.301(a)(3)(iii) (Expenditure of
21 appropriated funds), Part 3 (Administration of City Grants), Chapter
22 118 (City Grants), *Ordinance Code*, is hereby waived to allow a portion
23 of the City funds to be used for contributions and donations to other
24 groups or organizations through the Program. This waiver is justified
25 because the City funds will be allocated to qualified small and
26 micro-businesses through a competitive grant process for employment
27 programs/employee costs. This provides an opportunity for targeted
28 distribution of City funds to help grow small businesses by creating
29 and maintaining jobs in Duval County.

30 **Section 6. Approval and Authorization to Execute.** There is
31 hereby approved, and the Mayor, or her designee, and the Corporation

Secretary are hereby authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of the City an agreement with Local Initiatives Support Corporation d/b/a LISC Jacksonville in an amount not-to-exceed \$125,000, subject to the Scope of Services and Budget more particularly described in **Exhibit 2**, for a term commencing on June 1, 2025 through May 31, 2026, and all other contracts and documents, including extensions, renewals and amendments to the agreement, and to otherwise take all action necessary to effectuate the intent of this Ordinance, subject to appropriate legal review and approval by the General Counsel, or his or her designee, and the City's Risk Management Division for appropriate insurance and indemnification requirements in accordance with Section 128.601, *Ordinance Code*.

Section 7. Oversight Department. The Grants and Contract Compliance Division of the Finance Department shall oversee the grant described herein.

Section 8. 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

Legislation Prepared By: Mary E. Staffopoulos

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