

1 Introduced by Council Member Boylan and Co-Sponsored by Council  
2 Members Carrico and Pittman and amended by the Neighborhoods,  
3 Community Services, Public Health and Safety Committee:

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6 **ORDINANCE 2024-162-E**

7 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$1,500,000,  
8 INCLUDING \$500,000 TO WE CARE JACKSONVILLE, INC.  
9 AND \$1,000,000 TO SIX CHARITABLE HEALTHCARE  
10 CLINICS, FROM A DESIGNATED CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT  
11 TO THE SUBSIDIES AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO PRIVATE  
12 ORGANIZATIONS ACCOUNT FOR THE PROVISION OF  
13 HEALTHCARE SERVICES TO UNINSURED RESIDENTS OF  
14 DUVAL COUNTY THROUGH THE JAXCARECONNECT PROGRAM  
15 (THE "PROGRAM"); PROVIDING FOR CARRYOVER TO  
16 FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025; INVOKING THE EXEMPTION IN  
17 SECTION 126.107(G) (EXEMPTIONS), PART 1 (GENERAL  
18 REGULATIONS), CHAPTER 126 (PROCUREMENT CODE),  
19 *ORDINANCE CODE*, TO ALLOW FOR A DIRECT CONTRACT  
20 WITH WE CARE JACKSONVILLE, INC. TO PROVIDE  
21 COMPREHENSIVE FISCAL AGENT SERVICES FOR THE  
22 PROGRAM; APPROVING, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR,  
23 OR HER DESIGNEE, AND CORPORATION SECRETARY TO  
24 EXECUTE AND DELIVER, FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE  
25 CITY, AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND WE CARE  
26 JACKSONVILLE, INC. FOR THE PROVISION OF FISCAL  
27 AGENT SERVICES FOR THE PROGRAM; WAIVING SECTION  
28 118.107 (NONPROFITS TO RECEIVE FUNDING THROUGH  
29 A COMPETITIVE EVALUATED AWARD PROCESS), PART 1  
30 (GENERAL PROVISIONS), CHAPTER 118 (CITY GRANTS),  
31 *ORDINANCE CODE*, TO ALLOW FOR A DIRECT CONTRACT

1 WITH WE CARE JACKSONVILLE, INC.; INVOKING THE  
2 EXEMPTION IN SECTION 126.107(G) (EXEMPTIONS),  
3 PART 1 (GENERAL REGULATIONS), CHAPTER 126  
4 (PROCUREMENT CODE), *ORDINANCE CODE*, TO ALLOW FOR  
5 DIRECT CONTRACTS WITH AGAPE COMMUNITY HEALTH  
6 CENTER, INC. ("AGAPE"), WESTJAX OUTREACH, INC.  
7 (D/B/A COMMUNITY HEALTH OUTREACH) ("WESTJAX"),  
8 MUSLIM AMERICAN SOCIAL SERVICES, INC. ("MASS"),  
9 MISSION HOUSE, INC. ("MISSION HOUSE"), I.M.  
10 SULZBACHER CENTER FOR THE HOMELESS, INC.  
11 ("SULZBACHER"), AND VOLUNTEERS IN MEDICINE  
12 JACKSONVILLE, INC. ("VIM"), FOR THE PROVISION OF  
13 HEALTHCARE SERVICES FOR THE PROGRAM; APPROVING,  
14 AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, OR HER DESIGNEE, AND  
15 CORPORATION SECRETARY TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER,  
16 FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, AGREEMENTS  
17 BETWEEN THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE AND AGAPE,  
18 WESTJAX, MASS, MISSION HOUSE, SULZBACHER, AND  
19 VIM FOR THE PROGRAM; WAIVING SECTION 118.107  
20 (NONPROFITS TO RECEIVE FUNDING THROUGH A  
21 COMPETITIVE EVALUATED AWARD PROCESS), PART 1  
22 (GENERAL PROVISIONS), CHAPTER 118 (CITY GRANTS),  
23 *ORDINANCE CODE*, TO ALLOW FOR DIRECT CONTRACTS  
24 WITH AGAPE, WESTJAX, MASS, MISSION HOUSE,  
25 SULZBACHER, AND VIM FOR THE PROGRAM; WAIVING THE  
26 CONFLICTING PROVISIONS OF SECTION 118.805  
27 (ELIGIBILITY TO APPLY FOR PUBLIC SERVICE  
28 GRANTS), PART 8 (PUBLIC SERVICE GRANTS), CHAPTER  
29 118 (CITY GRANTS), *ORDINANCE CODE*; PROVIDING FOR  
30 OVERSIGHT BY THE GRANTS AND CONTRACTS COMPLIANCE  
31 DIVISION OF THE FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

DEPARTMENT; REQUESTING ONE CYCLE EMERGENCY  
PASSAGE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

**Section 1. Appropriation.** For the 2023-2024 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** \$1,500,000

(b) Appropriated to:

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

(c) Explanation of Appropriation:

The funding above is an appropriation of \$1,500,000 from a Designated Contingency account to the Subsidies and Contributions to Private Organizations account to provide funding for the JaxCareConnect Program (the "Program"), including \$500,000 to We Care Jacksonville, Inc. ("We Care Jax") for the provision of fiscal agent services for the Program, and \$1,000,000 to be split amongst six charitable healthcare clinics for the provision of healthcare services to uninsured and under-resourced residents of Duval County through the Program to include Agape Community Health Center, Inc. ("Agape"), WestJax Outreach, Inc. (d/b/a Community Health Outreach) ("WestJax"), Muslim American Social Services, Inc. ("MASS"), Mission House, Inc. ("Mission House"), I.M. Sulzbacher Center for the Homeless, Inc. ("Sulzbacher") and Volunteers in Medicine Jacksonville, Inc. ("VIM").

1           **Section 2.           Purpose.** The purpose of the appropriation in  
2 Section 1 is to provide funding from the City of Jacksonville to We  
3 Care Jax and six charitable healthcare clinics for the JaxCareConnect  
4 Program. The Program provides coordinated services by We Care Jax and  
5 the six healthcare clinics to provide uninsured and under-resourced  
6 residents of Duval County access to primary health care, including  
7 preventative care, disease management and urgent care. The goal is  
8 to provide this healthcare in an effort to alleviate the need for  
9 those individuals served by the Program to seek emergency care through  
10 the hospital system. The Program will also strive to connect any  
11 person eligible for affordable health insurance with a suitable  
12 entity.

13           **Section 3.           Carryover.** The funds appropriated herein shall  
14 not lapse but shall carryover to fiscal year 2024-2025.

15           **Section 4.           Invoking the Exemption in Section 126.107(g),**  
16 **Ordinance Code, to Direct Contract with We Care Jacksonville, Inc.**  
17 The City is hereby authorized to directly procure the professional  
18 services of We Care Jacksonville, Inc. to serve as the comprehensive  
19 fiscal agent for the Program. Pursuant to Section 126.107(g)  
20 (Exemptions), Part 1 (General Regulations), Chapter 126 (Procurement  
21 Code), *Ordinance Code*, such procurement is exempted from competitive  
22 solicitation because the supplies or services are to be provided by  
23 those specifically prescribed within authorizing legislation that  
24 appropriates the same. With the exception of the foregoing, all other  
25 provisions of Chapter 126, *Ordinance Code*, shall remain in full force  
26 and effect.

27           **Section 5.           Approval and Authorization to Execute an**  
28 **Agreement with We Care Jacksonville, Inc.** There is hereby approved,  
29 and the Mayor, or her designee, and the Corporation Secretary are  
30 hereby authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of the City an  
31 agreement with We Care Jacksonville, Inc. in an amount not-to-exceed

1 \$500,000, subject to the scope of services and budget more  
2 particularly described in **Exhibit 2**, attached hereto and incorporated  
3 herein by this reference, for a term commencing on March 1, 2024  
4 through February 28, 2025, and all other contracts and documents,  
5 including extensions, renewals and amendments to the agreement, and  
6 to otherwise take all action necessary to effectuate the intent of  
7 this Ordinance, subject to appropriate legal review and approval by  
8 the General Counsel, or his or her designee, and the City's Risk  
9 Management Division for appropriate insurance and indemnification  
10 requirements in accordance with Section 128.601, *Ordinance Code*.

11 **Section 6. Waiver of Section 118.107, Ordinance Code, to**  
12 **Allow for Direct Contract with We Care Jacksonville, Inc.** The  
13 provisions of Section 118.107 (Nonprofits to receive funding through  
14 a competitive evaluated award process), Part 1 (General Provisions),  
15 Chapter 118 (City Grants), *Ordinance Code*, are hereby waived to allow  
16 for a direct contract with We Care Jacksonville, Inc. This waiver  
17 is justified because We Care Jax has successfully served as the  
18 comprehensive fiscal agent for the Program since 2021 and is prepared  
19 to continue serving in this capacity.

20 **Section 7. Invoking the Exemption in Section 126.107(g),**  
21 **Ordinance Code, to Direct Contract with Six Healthcare Clinics.** The  
22 City is hereby authorized to directly procure the professional  
23 services of Agape Community Health Center, Inc., WestJax Outreach,  
24 Inc. (d/b/a Community Health Outreach), Muslim American Social  
25 Services, Inc., Mission House, Inc., I.M. Sulzbacher Center for the  
26 Homeless, Inc. and Volunteers in Medicine Jacksonville, Inc., for the  
27 provision of healthcare services for the Program. Pursuant to Section  
28 126.107(g) (Exemptions), Part 1 (General Regulations), Chapter 126  
29 (Procurement Code), *Ordinance Code*, such procurement is exempted from  
30 competitive solicitation because the supplies or services are to be  
31 provided by those specifically prescribed within authorizing

1 legislation that appropriates the same. With the exception of the  
2 foregoing, all other provisions of Chapter 126, *Ordinance Code*, shall  
3 remain in full force and effect.

4       **Section 8.       Approval and Authorization to Execute Agreements**  
5 **with Six Healthcare Clinics.** There is hereby approved, and the Mayor,  
6 or her designee, and the Corporation Secretary are hereby authorized  
7 to execute and deliver on behalf of the City, agreements with the  
8 following entities for the specified not-to-exceed amounts: (1) Agape  
9 Community Health Center, Inc. (\$166,666.67), (2) WestJax Outreach,  
10 Inc. (d/b/a Community Health Outreach) (\$166,666.67), Muslim American  
11 Social Services, Inc. (\$166,666.67), Mission House, Inc.  
12 (\$166,666.66), I.M. Sulzbacher Center for the Homeless, Inc.  
13 (\$166,666.66), and Volunteers in Medicine Jacksonville, Inc.  
14 (\$166,666.67), subject to the Term Sheets and budgets for the  
15 respective clinics placed **Revised On File** with the Legislative  
16 Services Division and incorporated herein by this reference, for a  
17 term commencing on March 1, 2024 through February 28, 2025, and all  
18 other contracts and documents, including extensions, renewals and  
19 amendments to the agreements, and to otherwise take all action  
20 necessary to effectuate the intent of this Ordinance, subject to  
21 appropriate legal review and approval by the General Counsel, or his  
22 or her designee, and the City's Risk Management Division for  
23 appropriate insurance and indemnification requirements in accordance  
24 with Section 128.601, *Ordinance Code*.

25       **Section 9.       Waiver of Section 118.107, *Ordinance Code*, to**  
26 **Allow for Direct Contracts with Six Healthcare Clinics.** The  
27 provisions of Section 118.107 (Nonprofits to receive funding through  
28 a competitive evaluated award process), Part 1 (General Provisions),  
29 Chapter 118 (City Grants), *Ordinance Code*, are hereby waived to allow  
30 for direct contracts with Agape, WestJax, MASS, Mission House,  
31 Sulzbacher and VIM. This waiver is justified because each of these

1 charitable healthcare clinics have provided quality healthcare to  
2 uninsured residents of Duval County for a number of years. In  
3 addition, these clinics have provided coordinated healthcare services  
4 as part of the JaxCareConnect Program since 2021 and have indicated  
5 their ability and desire to continue taking part in the Program.

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

14 **Section 11. Oversight Department.** The Grants and  
15 Contract Compliance Division of the Finance and Administration  
16 Department shall oversee the project described herein.

17 **Section 12. Requesting One Cycle Emergency Passage Pursuant**  
18 **to Council Rule 4.901 Emergency.** One cycle emergency passage of this  
19 legislation is requested. The nature of the emergency is that there  
20 is a significant and immediate need to provide improved access to  
21 high-quality, comprehensive healthcare to those who are uninsured or  
22 under-resourced. Emergency passage of this legislation will allow the  
23 City funds to be distributed more quickly, to continue supporting the  
24 important services the recipients provide.

25 **Section 13. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become  
26 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective  
27 without the Mayor's signature.

1 Form Approved:

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3           /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos          

4 Office of General Counsel

5 Legislation Prepared By: Mary E. Staffopoulos

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