

1 Introduced by Council Member Amaro:
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4 **ORDINANCE 2026-187**

5 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$30,000 FROM THE
6 MULTIYEAR PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES - COUNCIL
7 DISTRICT 01 COMMUNITY BENEFITS AGREEMENT -
8 CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT TO THE GENERAL FUND
9 OPERATING - SUBSIDIES AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO
10 PRIVATE ORG ACCOUNT TO PROVIDE FUNDING TO NORTH
11 FLORIDA SCHOOL OF SPECIAL EDUCATION, INC.
12 ("NFSSE") FOR THE NFSSE VOCATIONAL
13 TRAINING/COMMUNITY INTEGRATED EMPLOYMENT
14 PROGRAM (THE "PROGRAM") AS DESCRIBED HEREIN;
15 PROVIDING FOR CARRYOVER TO FISCAL YEAR 2026-
16 2027; WAIVING SECTION 118.107 (NONPROFITS TO
17 RECEIVE FUNDING THROUGH A COMPETITIVE EVALUATED
18 AWARD PROCESS; WAIVER AND DISCLOSURES), PART 1
19 (GENERAL PROVISIONS), CHAPTER 118 (CITY GRANTS),
20 *ORDINANCE CODE*, TO ALLOW FOR A DIRECT CONTRACT
21 WITH NFSSE; APPROVING, AND AUTHORIZING THE
22 MAYOR, OR HER DESIGNEE, AND THE CORPORATION
23 SECRETARY TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER ON BEHALF OF
24 THE CITY A GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF
25 JACKSONVILLE AND NORTH FLORIDA SCHOOL OF SPECIAL
26 EDUCATION, INC. FOR THE PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR
27 OVERSIGHT BY THE GRANTS AND CONTRACT COMPLIANCE
28 DIVISION OF THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT; PROVIDING AN
29 EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

1 Biscuits Pet Bakery (making and packaging all-natural dog treats),
2 and (3) Berry Good Blooms (growing farm fresh flowers and flower
3 arranging). The goal of the Program is to provide the students with
4 opportunities to develop the skills needed to be job ready and to
5 participate in workplace experiences while also removing barriers to
6 developing their job readiness. The City funds will be used to pay
7 a portion of the salaries for the three Managers who oversee these
8 respective activities. The Program activities supported by the City
9 funds will all be offered from the NFSSE's Vocational Training Center
10 located at 223 Mill Creek Road in Council District 1.

11 **Section 3. Carryover.** The funds appropriated herein shall
12 not lapse but shall carryover to fiscal year 2026-2027.

13 **Section 4. Waiver of Section 118.107, Ordinance Code.** The
14 provisions of Section 118.107 (Nonprofits to receive funding through
15 a competitive evaluated award process; waiver and disclosures), Part
16 1 (General Provisions), Chapter 118 (City Grants), *Ordinance Code*,
17 are hereby waived to allow for a direct contract with North Florida
18 School of Special Education, Inc. This waiver is justified because
19 NFSSE offers a unique vocational program designed to provide
20 individuals with developmental and intellectual disabilities with the
21 opportunity to learn a variety of skills to assist them in obtaining
22 meaningful employment. NFSSE has provided the Affidavit of Disclosure
23 required by subsection 118.107(b)(2), *Ordinance Code*, attached hereto
24 as **Exhibit 3** to accompany this waiver.

25 **Section 5. Approval and Authorization to Execute.** There is
26 hereby approved, and the Mayor, or her designee, and the Corporation
27 Secretary are hereby authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of
28 the City a grant agreement with North Florida School of Special
29 Education, Inc. in an amount not-to-exceed \$30,000, subject to the
30 Term Sheet and Budget more particularly described in **Exhibit 2**, for
31 a term commencing on March 1, 2026 through February 28, 2027, and all

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

8 **Section 6. Oversight Department.** The Grants and
9 Contract Compliance Division of the Finance Department shall oversee
10 the grant described herein.

11 **Section 7. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become
12 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
13 without the Mayor's signature.

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15 Form Approved:

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17 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

18 Office of General Counsel

19 Legislation Prepared By: Mary E. Staffopoulos

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