

1 Introduced by Council Member Howland:
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4 **ORDINANCE 2025-303**

5 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING, AND AUTHORIZING THE
6 MAYOR, OR HER DESIGNEE, AND THE CORPORATION
7 SECRETARY TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER ON BEHALF OF
8 THE CITY A GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF
9 JACKSONVILLE AND UNITED WAY OF NORTHEAST
10 FLORIDA, INC. ("UWNEFL") FOR THE UNITED WAY
11 2-1-1 PROGRAM AS ORIGINALLY AUTHORIZED BY
12 ORDINANCE 2024-504-E, SUBJECT TO A REVISED TERM
13 SHEET AND BUDGET AS DESCRIBED HEREIN; WAIVING
14 SECTION 118.107 (NONPROFITS TO RECEIVE FUNDING
15 THROUGH A COMPETITIVE EVALUATED AWARD PROCESS),
16 PART 1 (GENERAL PROVISIONS), CHAPTER 118 (CITY
17 GRANTS), *ORDINANCE CODE*, TO ALLOW FOR A DIRECT
18 CONTRACT WITH UWNEFL; PROVIDING FOR OVERSIGHT BY
19 THE GRANTS AND CONTRACT COMPLIANCE DIVISION OF
20 THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE
21 DATE.

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23 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Ordinance 2024-504-E, the City Council
24 appropriated \$250,000 to United Way of Northeast Florida, Inc.
25 ("UWNEFL") to support the United Way 2-1-1 Program (the "Program")
26 in fiscal year 2024-2025; and

27 **WHEREAS**, UWNEFL has requested certain adjustments to the
28 approved Program term sheet and budget to reallocate City funds to
29 line-items that better support the needs of the Program; and

30 **WHEREAS**, because these adjustments amount to more than 10% of
31 the affected line-items, City Council approval of the changes is

1 required; now therefore

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

3 **Section 1. Approval and Authorization to Execute.** There is
4 hereby approved, and the Mayor, or her designee, and the Corporation
5 Secretary are hereby authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of
6 the City a grant agreement with United Way of Northeast Florida, Inc.
7 in an amount not-to-exceed \$250,000 for the United Way 2-1-1 Program
8 (the "Program") as originally authorized by Ordinance 2024-504-E,
9 subject to the revised Term Sheet and Budget attached hereto as
10 **Exhibit 1** and incorporated herein by this reference, for a term
11 commencing on October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025, and all
12 other contracts and documents, including extensions, renewals and
13 amendments to the agreement, and to otherwise take all action
14 necessary to effectuate the intent of this Ordinance, subject to
15 appropriate legal review and approval by the General Counsel, or his
16 or her designee, and the City's Risk Management Division for
17 appropriate insurance and indemnification requirements in accordance
18 with Section 128.601, *Ordinance Code*.

19 The Program operates a confidential information and referral
20 helpline that includes a crisis prevention hotline and is administered
21 using a three-digit telephone number (2-1-1) that connects people in
22 need to the appropriate essential health and human services, 24 hours
23 per day, seven days per week. The revised Term Sheet and Budget
24 provide for a reallocation of a portion of funds originally intended
25 to pay the salaries for nine Call Center Specialists and the 2-1-1
26 Director to instead be used to pay costs for certain benefits related
27 to these positions as well as various occupancy expenses including
28 rental, telephone and insurance costs for the Program. In addition,
29 a portion of the reallocated City funds will be used for membership
30 dues for Inform Florida and to purchase computer equipment for four
31 employees of the Program. A spreadsheet outlining the various changes

1 to the Program budget is attached hereto as **Exhibit 2.**

2 **Section 2. Waiver of Section 118.107, Ordinance Code.** The
3 provisions of Section 118.107 (Nonprofits to receive funding through
4 a competitive evaluated award process), Part 1 (General Provisions),
5 Chapter 118 (City Grants), *Ordinance Code*, are hereby waived to allow
6 for a direct contract with UWNEFL. This waiver is justified because
7 UWNEFL has operated the 2-1-1 Program for several years to provide a
8 crisis intervention hotline and referral services to individuals in
9 need. UWNEFL has also received and maintained the required Alliance
10 of Information and Referral Services accreditation necessary to
11 operate the Program.

12 **Section 3. Oversight.** The Grants and Contract Compliance
13 Division of the Finance Department shall oversee the project described
14 herein.

15 **Section 4. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become
16 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
17 without the Mayor's signature.

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19 Form Approved:

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21 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

22 Office of General Counsel

23 Legislation Prepared By: Mary E. Staffopoulos

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