

Introduced by Council Member White and Co-Sponsored by Council Members Miller and Peluso:

ORDINANCE 2025-893-E

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$245,220 FROM THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE FIGHTERS CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT TO THE SUBSIDIES AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO PRIVATE ORG ACCOUNT TO PROVIDE A GRANT TO THE JACKSONVILLE ASSOCIATION OF FIREFIGHTERS, IAFF LOCAL NO. 122, INC. ("JAFF") FOR RESTORATION OF A WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION ERA FIRE TOWER (THE "PROJECT") AS DESCRIBED HEREIN; PROVIDING FOR CARRYOVER OF FUNDS TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2027; WAIVING SECTION 118.107 (NONPROFITS TO RECEIVE FUNDING THROUGH A COMPETITIVE EVALUATED AWARD PROCESS; WAIVER AND DISCLOSURES), PART 1 (GENERAL PROVISIONS), CHAPTER 118 (CITY GRANTS), ORDINANCE CODE, TO ALLOW FOR A DIRECT CONTRACT WITH JAFF; APPROVING, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, OR HER DESIGNEE, AND THE CORPORATION SECRETARY TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER ON BEHALF OF THE CITY A GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE AND JAFF FOR THE PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR OVERSIGHT BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

Section 1. Appropriation. For the 2025-2026 fiscal year, in 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** \$245,220

(b) Appropriated to:

See **Exhibit 1** \$245,220

(c) Explanation of Appropriation:

The funding above is an appropriation of \$245,220 from the International Association of Fire Fighters Contingency account to the Subsidies and Contributions to Private Org account to provide a grant to Jacksonville Association of Firefighters, IAFF Local No. 122, Inc. ("JAFF") for restoration of a Works Progress Administration (WPA) era fire tower (the "Project") as described herein.

Section 2. **Purpose.** The purpose of the appropriation in

Section 1 is to provide grant funds from the City of Jacksonville to JAFF for the Project as described in **Exhibit 2**, attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference. The Project will entail restoration of a Works Progress Administration era fire tower (the "Tower") located at 625 Stockton Street. The Tower was constructed in the 1930s and served as the primary training facility for the fire service for over 60 years. The Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department ("JFRD") still utilizes the Tower as a supplemental training facility due, in part, to its central location within Duval County. Restoration efforts will include replacement and/or repair of wooden windows and doors, repair of the existing fire escape, and exterior masonry repairs with the intent of restoring the Tower to its original, historic condition. This will enable JFRD and other fire service providers to continue utilizing the Tower as a training

1 facility for years to come.

2 **Section 3. Carryover.** The funds appropriated herein shall
3 not lapse but shall carryover to September 30, 2027.

4 **Section 4. Waiver of Section 118.107, Ordinance Code.** The
5 provisions of Section 118.107 (Nonprofits to receive funding through
6 a competitive evaluated award process; waiver and disclosures), Part
7 1 (General Provisions), Chapter 118 (City Grants), *Ordinance Code*,
8 are hereby waived to allow for a direct contract with JAFF. This
9 waiver is justified because JAFF owns and is responsible for
10 maintenance and upkeep of the Tower and will continue to make it
11 available to JFRD and other fire service providers as a training
12 facility after restoration efforts are completed. JAFF has provided
13 the Affidavit of Disclosure required by subsection 118.107(b)(2),
14 *Ordinance Code*, attached hereto as **Exhibit 3** to accompany this waiver.

15 **Section 5. Approval and Authorization to Execute.** There is
16 hereby approved, and the Mayor, or her designee, and the Corporation
17 Secretary are hereby authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of
18 the City a grant agreement with Jacksonville Association of
19 Firefighters, IAFF Local No. 122, Inc. in an amount not-to-exceed
20 \$245,220, subject to the Term Sheet and Budget more particularly
21 described in **Exhibit 2**, for a term commencing on January 1, 2026
22 through March 31, 2027, and all other contracts and documents,
23 including extensions, renewals and amendments to the agreement, and
24 to otherwise take all action necessary to effectuate the intent of
25 this Ordinance, subject to appropriate legal review and approval by
26 the General Counsel, or his or her designee, and the City's Risk
27 Management Division for appropriate insurance and indemnification
28 requirements in accordance with Section 128.601, *Ordinance Code*.

29 **Section 6. Oversight Department.** The Department of Public
30 Works shall oversee the project described herein.

31 **Section 7. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become

1 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
2 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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