

1 Introduced by the Council President at the request of the Mayor and  
2 Co-Sponsored by Council Members Clark-Murray, Miller, Lahnen,  
3 Johnson, White, Freeman, Amaro, Gaffney, Jr., Carrico, Arias, Howland  
4 and Salem:

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7 **ORDINANCE 2023-865-E**

8 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING GRANT FUNDS IN THE  
9 AMOUNT OF \$899,660.00 FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT  
10 OF JUSTICE, BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE  
11 ("DOJ"), FOR THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF  
12 FLORIDA, VETERANS TREATMENT COURT (VTC)  
13 PROGRAMS, TO FUND THE ENHANCEMENT OF THE VTC  
14 PROGRAMS, FOR THE GRANT TERM BEGINNING OCTOBER  
15 1, 2023 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2027 AS INITIATED  
16 BY B.T. 24-031; PROVIDING FOR CARRYOVER OF FUNDS  
17 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2027; PROVIDING FOR CITY  
18 OVERSIGHT BY THE COURT ADMINISTRATION, DIRECTOR  
19 OF PROBLEM SOLVING COURTS; PROVIDING AN  
20 EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

23 **Section 1. Appropriation.** For the 2023-2024 fiscal year,  
24 within the City's budget, there is hereby appropriated the indicated  
25 sum(s) from the account(s) listed in subsection (a) to the account(s)  
26 listed in subsection (b):

27 (B.T. 24-031 attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** and incorporated herein by  
28 this reference)

29 (a) Appropriated from:

30 See B.T. 24-031 \$899,660.00

31 (b) Appropriated to:

See B.T. 24-031

\$899,660.00

(c) Explanation of Appropriation:

The funding above is a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, for the Fourth Judicial Circuit of Florida, Veterans Treatment Court (VTC) program to fund the enhancement of a multi-system approach to assist certain veterans arrested for non-violent offenses with service related substance use disorders, mental disorders, co-occurring disorders, or injuries such as PTS, Traumatic Brain Injury, and Military Sexual Trauma, including additional providers and evidence based practices with respect to the VTC programs. The above grant is for the entire four (4) year grant period which commences on October 1, 2023, and continues through September 30, 2027. No local match is required.

**Section 2. Purpose.** The purpose of the appropriation in Section 1 is to expand the Fourth Judicial Circuit of Florida, Veterans Treatment Court (VTC) program, including increasing the number of partnered clinical providers, expanding transitional housing and transportation options, and utilizing validated trauma, risk, and needs assessments to implement the "Dare to Dream" recovery capital model developed by the National Drug Court Institute. The VTC program involves a combination of pre-trial and post-plea/adjudication case types that target adults arrested for non-violent offenses with service related substance use disorders, mental disorders, co-occurring disorders, or injuries such as PTS, Traumatic Brain Injury and Military Sexual Trauma. A copy of the Notice of Award is attached hereto as **Exhibit 2** and incorporated herein by this reference.

**Section 3. Carryover.** The funds appropriated in Section 1 of this Ordinance are for the entire four (4) year grant period and

1 shall not lapse but shall carryover into subsequent fiscal years  
2 through fiscal year 2026-2027.

3       **Section 4. Oversight.** The Court Administration, Director  
4 of Problem Solving Courts shall oversee the administration of the  
5 Grant described herein, including providing reporting required by the  
6 terms of the Grant.

7       **Section 5. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become  
8 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective  
9 without the Mayor's signature.

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11 Form Approved:

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13           /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos          

14 Office of General Counsel

15 Legislation Prepared By: Joelle J. Dillard

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