

1 Introduced by the Council President at the request of the Mayor:  
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4 **ORDINANCE 2026-444**

5 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$13,900.00 IN GRANT  
6 FUNDING FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN  
7 AND FAMILIES TO THE JACKSONVILLE FIRE AND RESCUE  
8 DEPARTMENT TO SUPPORT THE PURCHASE OF A RIP  
9 CURRENT SIMULATOR; AS INITIATED BY B.T. 26-064;  
10 PROVIDING FOR OVERSIGHT BY THE JACKSONVILLE FIRE  
11 AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE  
12 DATE.  
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14 **BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

15 **Section 1. Appropriation.** For the 2025-2026 fiscal year,  
16 within the City's budget, there are hereby appropriated the indicated  
17 sum(s) from the account(s) listed in subsection (a) to the account(s)  
18 listed in subsection (b):

19 (B.T. 26-064, attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** and incorporated herein  
20 by this reference)

21 (a) Appropriated from:

22 See B.T. 26-064 \$13,900.00

23 (b) Appropriated to:

24 See B.T. 26-064 \$13,900.00

25 (c) Explanation of Appropriation:

26 The funding above represents an appropriation of grant  
27 funds from the Florida Department of Children and Families  
28 to the Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department. The Grant  
29 period is from March 23, 2026 through June 30, 2026. No  
30 local match is required.

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

1 Section 1 is to utilize the grant funding from the Florida Department  
2 of Children and Families to the Jacksonville Fire and Rescue  
3 Department to support the purchase of a rip current simulator. The  
4 rip current simulator will enhance operational training for the  
5 Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department ("JFRD") while expanding  
6 public education on rip current safety. The simulator will be utilized  
7 by JFRD Marine Unit personnel, Swift Water Rescue teams, and recruit  
8 classes, while also supporting community outreach in partnership with  
9 Jacksonville Beach Lifeguards and other coastal stakeholders. Funding  
10 includes \$12,750 for equipment and up to \$1,150 for training expenses.  
11 The grant funds are provided as a cost-reimbursement after the  
12 purchase of the rip current simulator and completion of at least one  
13 training course.

14 **Section 3. Oversight.** The Jacksonville Fire and Rescue  
15 Department shall oversee administration of the funding and shall  
16 provide oversight of the project described herein.

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

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22 Form Approved:

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24 /S/ Ashley Smith

25 Office of General Counsel

26 Legislation Prepared By: Ashley Smith

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