

1 Introduced by Council Member Howland and Co-Sponsored by Council
2 Member Peluso:

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5 **ORDINANCE 2025-303-E**

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

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

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

31 **WHEREAS**, because these adjustments amount to more than 10% of

1 the affected line-items, City Council approval of the changes is
2 required; now therefore

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

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

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

employees of the Program. A spreadsheet outlining the various changes to the Program budget is attached hereto as **Exhibit 2**.

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

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

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

Form Approved:

/s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

Office of General Counsel

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