

1 Introduced by Council Member Carrico and Co-Sponsored by Council
2 Members Clark-Murray and Salem:

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5 **ORDINANCE 2024-931-E**

6 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$50,000 FROM A
7 GENERAL FUND OPERATING SPECIAL COUNCIL
8 CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT TO THE GENERAL FUND
9 OPERATING SUBSIDIES AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO PRIVATE
10 ORG ACCOUNT TO PROVIDE CITY GRANT FUNDING TO
11 HOPE ACROSS THE GLOBE, INC. ("HATG") FOR THE
12 HOPE MENTAL HEALTH AND BEHAVIORAL MEDICINE
13 PROGRAM (THE "PROGRAM") AS DESCRIBED HEREIN;
14 WAIVING SECTION 118.107 (NONPROFITS TO RECEIVE
15 FUNDING THROUGH A COMPETITIVE EVALUATED AWARD
16 PROCESS), PART 1 (GENERAL PROVISIONS), CHAPTER
17 118 (CITY GRANTS), *ORDINANCE CODE*, TO ALLOW FOR
18 A DIRECT CONTRACT WITH HOPE ACROSS THE GLOBE,
19 INC.; APPROVING, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, OR
20 HER DESIGNEE, AND THE CORPORATION SECRETARY TO
21 EXECUTE AND DELIVER ON BEHALF OF THE CITY A GRANT
22 AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE AND
23 HATG FOR THE PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR OVERSIGHT BY
24 THE GRANTS AND CONTRACT COMPLIANCE DIVISION OF
25 THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE
26 DATE.

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

29 **Section 1. Appropriation.** For the 2024-2025 fiscal year,
30 within the City's budget, there is hereby appropriated the indicated
31 sum(s) from the account(s) listed in subsection (a) to the account(s)

1 listed in subsection (b):

2 (The account information is attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** and
3 incorporated herein by this reference)

4 (a) Appropriated from:

5 See **Exhibit 1** \$50,000

6 (b) Appropriated to:

7 See **Exhibit 1** \$50,000

8 (c) Explanation of Appropriation:

9 The funding above is an appropriation of \$50,000 from a
10 General Fund Operating Special Council Contingency account
11 to the General Fund Operating Subsidies and Contributions
12 to Private Org account to provide a grant to HOPE Across
13 the Globe, Inc. ("HATG") for the HOPE Mental Health and
14 Behavioral Medicine Program (the "Program") as described
15 herein.

16 **Section 2. Purpose.** The purpose of the appropriation in
17 Section 1 is to provide grant funds from the City of Jacksonville to
18 HOPE Across the Globe, Inc. for the HOPE Mental Health and Behavioral
19 Medicine Program as described in **Exhibit 2**, attached hereto and
20 incorporated herein by this reference. The Program was designed to
21 increase mental health and behavioral medicine services for Duval
22 County residents suffering from HIV, AIDS, Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C,
23 and sexually transmitted diseases or infections as well as those who
24 are at risk of contracting these conditions. The Program is based on
25 need rather than an individual's ability to pay and many patients
26 served through the Program are uninsured or underinsured which results
27 in them receiving insufficient, inadequate or no medical or
28 psycho-social care to address their various medical conditions. This
29 often results in these individuals succumbing to negative social
30 determinants (such as depression, anxiety, stigma, food insecurity,
31 underemployment, learning disabilities, etc.), failing to take their

1 medications due to these comorbidities, and an increase in the risk
2 of rising rates of HIV/AIDS, sexually transmitted infections and
3 Hepatitis in the community. The City funds will assist with the
4 expansion of the Program by paying a portion of the salary for a Care
5 Coordinator with the remainder of the funds being used to cover the
6 costs for professional services from behavioral and mental health
7 professionals to allow HATG to add capacity and reach more individuals
8 in need.

9 **Section 3. Waiver of Section 118.107, Ordinance Code.** The
10 provisions of Section 118.107 (Nonprofits to receive funding through
11 a competitive evaluated award process), Part 1 (General Provisions),
12 Chapter 118 (City Grants), *Ordinance Code*, are hereby waived to allow
13 for a direct contract with HATG. This waiver is justified because
14 HATG provides a Program that allows Florida-licensed, well-qualified
15 medical professionals to address the roots of mental health and
16 behavioral maladies for some of Duval County's most vulnerable
17 residents. These services are provided weekdays, evenings and
18 weekends to ensure they do not conflict with the patients' work or
19 education schedule so they can remain on track in their day-to-day
20 lives while also addressing significant and often chronic medical
21 conditions.

22 **Section 4. Approval and Authorization to Execute.** There is
23 hereby approved, and the Mayor, or her designee, and the Corporation
24 Secretary are hereby authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of
25 the City a grant agreement with HOPE Across the Globe, Inc. in an
26 amount not-to-exceed \$50,000, subject to the Term Sheet and Budget
27 more particularly described in **Exhibit 2**, for a term commencing on
28 October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025, and all other contracts
29 and documents, including extensions, renewals and amendments to the
30 agreement, and to otherwise take all action necessary to effectuate
31 the intent of this Ordinance, subject to appropriate legal review and

1 approval by the General Counsel, or his or her designee, and the
2 City's Risk Management Division for appropriate insurance and
3 indemnification requirements in accordance with Section 128.601,
4 *Ordinance Code*.

5 **Section 5. Oversight Department.** The Grants and Contract
6 Compliance Division of the Finance Department shall oversee the
7 project described herein.

8 **Section 6. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become
9 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
10 without the Mayor's signature.

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12 Form Approved:

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14 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

15 Office of General Counsel

16 Legislation Prepared By: Mary E. Staffopoulos

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