

1 Introduced by Council Member Carrico:
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4 **ORDINANCE 2024-878**

5 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$100,000 FROM A
6 GENERAL FUND OPERATING CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT TO
7 THE GENERAL FUND OPERATING, SUBSIDIES AND
8 CONTRIBUTIONS TO PRIVATE ORG ACCOUNT, TO PROVIDE
9 CITY GRANT FUNDING TO RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE
10 CHARITIES OF JACKSONVILLE, INC. ("RMHCJ") FOR
11 THE WARM MEALS, WARM HEARTS MEAL PROGRAM (THE
12 "PROGRAM") AS DESCRIBED HEREIN; INVOKING THE
13 EXEMPTION IN SECTION 126.108(G) (EXEMPTIONS FROM
14 COMPETITIVE SOLICITATION), PART 1 (GENERAL
15 REGULATIONS; ETHICS AND TRANSPARENCY IN PUBLIC
16 CONTRACTING), CHAPTER 126 (PROCUREMENT CODE),
17 *ORDINANCE CODE*, TO ALLOW FOR A DIRECT CONTRACT
18 WITH RMHCJ FOR THE PROGRAM; WAIVING SECTION
19 118.107 (NONPROFITS TO RECEIVE FUNDING THROUGH
20 A COMPETITIVE EVALUATED AWARD PROCESS), PART 1
21 (GENERAL PROVISIONS), CHAPTER 118 (CITY GRANTS),
22 *ORDINANCE CODE*, TO ALLOW FOR A DIRECT CONTRACT
23 WITH RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES OF
24 JACKSONVILLE, INC.; APPROVING, AND AUTHORIZING
25 THE MAYOR, OR HER DESIGNEE, AND THE CORPORATION
26 SECRETARY TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER ON BEHALF OF
27 THE CITY A GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF
28 JACKSONVILLE AND RMHCJ FOR THE PROGRAM;
29 PROVIDING FOR OVERSIGHT BY THE GRANTS AND
30 CONTRACT COMPLIANCE DIVISION OF THE FINANCE
31 DEPARTMENT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

3 **Section 1. Appropriation.** For the 2024-2025 fiscal year,
4 within the City's budget, there is hereby appropriated the indicated
5 sum(s) from the account(s) listed in subsection (a) to the account(s)
6 listed in subsection (b):

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

9 (a) Appropriated from:

10 See **Exhibit 1** \$100,000

11 (b) Appropriated to:

12 See **Exhibit 1** \$100,000

13 (c) Explanation of Appropriation:

14 The funding above is an appropriation of \$100,000 from a
15 General Fund Operating Contingency account to the General
16 Fund Operating, Subsidies and Contributions to Private Org
17 account, to provide a grant to Ronald McDonald House
18 Charities of Jacksonville, Inc. ("RMHCJ") for the Warm
19 Meals, Warm Hearts Meal Program (the "Program") as
20 described herein.

21 **Section 2. Purpose.** The purpose of the appropriation in
22 Section 1 is to provide grant funds from the City of Jacksonville to
23 RMHCJ for the Warm Meals, Warm Hearts Meal Program as described in
24 **Exhibit 2**, attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.

25 Through the existing Program, RMHCJ provides year-round dinners and
26 access to a fully stocked communal kitchen/pantry for breakfast,
27 lunch and snack items for individuals and families staying at Ronald
28 McDonald House. Through its long-standing partnership with Wolfson
29 Children's Hospital, RMHCJ has identified a need among families
30 staying at Wolfson noting that many who are unable to leave the
31 hospital while caring for a critically ill child are struggling to

1 have their basic food needs met. The City funds will allow RMHCJ to
2 expand the Program to serve families with a critically ill child by
3 delivering well-balanced, nutritious meals to the hospital.
4 Specifically, the grant funds will pay a portion of the salaries and
5 benefits for a Food Services Manager, Volunteer Manager, Director of
6 Operations, and Director of Administration to operate the Program as
7 well as various equipment, occupancy and office expenses. In addition,
8 a portion of the funds will be used to purchase food, cutlery and
9 other supplies necessary to provide meals to families served by the
10 Program.

11 **Section 3. Invoking the Exemption in Section 126.108(g),**
12 **Ordinance Code.** The City is hereby authorized to directly procure
13 the professional services of Ronald McDonald House Charities of
14 Jacksonville, Inc. for the Program as described herein. Pursuant to
15 Section 126.108(g) (Exemptions from competitive solicitation), Part
16 1 (General Regulations; Ethics and Transparency in Public
17 Contracting), Chapter 126 (Procurement Code), *Ordinance Code*, such
18 procurement is exempted from competitive solicitation because the
19 supplies or services are to be provided by those specifically
20 prescribed within authorizing legislation. With the exception of the
21 foregoing, all other provisions of Chapter 126, *Ordinance Code*, shall
22 remain in full force and effect.

23 **Section 4. Waiver of Section 118.107, Ordinance Code.** The
24 provisions of Section 118.107 (Nonprofits to receive funding through
25 a competitive evaluated award process), Part 1 (General Provisions),
26 Chapter 118 (City Grants), *Ordinance Code*, are hereby waived to allow
27 for a direct contract with RMHCJ. This waiver is justified because
28 RMHCJ has operated the Program for a number of years and has
29 identified a critical unmet need for families with children undergoing
30 significant medical treatment at Wolfson Children's Hospital.
31 RMHCJ's partnership with Wolfson Children's Hospital and its

1 long-standing service of providing nutritious meals for families
2 staying at Ronald McDonald House make it uniquely situated to provide
3 a similar service to families staying at the hospital.

4 **Section 5. 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 Ronald McDonald House Charities of
8 Jacksonville, Inc. in an amount not-to-exceed \$100,000, subject to
9 the Term Sheet and Budget more particularly described in **Exhibit 2**,
10 for a term commencing on October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025,
11 and all other contracts and documents, including extensions, renewals
12 and amendments to the agreement, and to otherwise take all action
13 necessary to effectuate the intent of this Ordinance, subject to
14 appropriate legal review and approval by the General Counsel, or his
15 or her designee, and the City's Risk Management Division for
16 appropriate insurance and indemnification requirements in accordance
17 with Section 128.601, *Ordinance Code*.

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

21 **Section 7. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become
22 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
23 without the Mayor's signature.

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25 Form Approved:

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27 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

28 Office of General Counsel

29 Legislation Prepared By: Mary E. Staffopoulos

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