

1 Introduced by Council Member Carrico:
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4 **ORDINANCE 2024-873**

5 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$75,000 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 FAMILY NURTURING CENTER OF
10 FLORIDA, INC. ("FNC") FOR THE VISITATION SLIDING
11 SCALE PROGRAM (THE "PROGRAM") AS DESCRIBED
12 HEREIN; INVOKING THE EXEMPTION IN SECTION
13 126.108(G) (EXEMPTIONS FROM COMPETITIVE
14 SOLICITATION), PART 1 (GENERAL REGULATIONS;
15 ETHICS AND TRANSPARENCY IN PUBLIC CONTRACTING),
16 CHAPTER 126 (PROCUREMENT CODE), *ORDINANCE CODE*,
17 TO ALLOW FOR A DIRECT CONTRACT WITH FNC FOR THE
18 PROGRAM; WAIVING SECTION 118.107 (NONPROFITS TO
19 RECEIVE FUNDING THROUGH A COMPETITIVE EVALUATED
20 AWARD PROCESS), PART 1 (GENERAL PROVISIONS),
21 CHAPTER 118 (CITY GRANTS), *ORDINANCE CODE*, TO
22 ALLOW FOR A DIRECT CONTRACT WITH FAMILY
23 NURTURING CENTER OF FLORIDA, INC.; WAIVING
24 CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF SECTION 118.301
25 (EXPENDITURE OF APPROPRIATED FUNDS), PART 3
26 (ADMINISTRATION OF CITY GRANTS), CHAPTER 118
27 (CITY GRANTS), *ORDINANCE CODE*, TO ALLOW A
28 PORTION OF THE GRANT FUNDS TO BE EXPENDED FOR
29 COSTS OF AMUSEMENTS, SOCIAL ACTIVITIES, AND
30 INCIDENTAL COSTS RELATING THERETO; APPROVING,
31 AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, OR HER DESIGNEE, AND

1 THE CORPORATION SECRETARY TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER
2 ON BEHALF OF THE CITY A GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN
3 THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE AND FNC FOR THE
4 PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR OVERSIGHT BY THE GRANTS
5 AND CONTRACT COMPLIANCE DIVISION OF THE FINANCE
6 DEPARTMENT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

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

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

15 (a) Appropriated from:

16 See **Exhibit 1** \$75,000

17 (b) Appropriated to:

18 See **Exhibit 1** \$75,000

19 (c) Explanation of Appropriation:

20 The funding above is an appropriation of \$75,000 from a
21 General Fund Operating Contingency account to the General
22 Fund Operating, Subsidies and Contributions to Private Org
23 account, to provide a grant to Family Nurturing Center of
24 Florida, Inc. ("FNC") for the Visitation Sliding Scale
25 Program (the "Program") as described herein.

26 **Section 2. Purpose.** The purpose of the appropriation in
27 Section 1 is to provide grant funds from the City of Jacksonville to
28 FNC for the Visitation Sliding Scale Program as described in **Exhibit**
29 **2**, attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference. The
30 Program provides supervised visitations and exchanges for low- and
31 middle-income families with children in need of such services and

1 assistance. Approximately 60% of FNC's clients earn an annual income
2 of less than \$30,000 and the City funds will help to lower the
3 co-payment required for these supervised services. In addition to
4 helping offset this expense, the City funds will be used for occupancy
5 and office expenses for the Program, including office supplies,
6 insurance, professional fees, uniforms and cleaning supplies.
7 Finally, a portion of the City funds will help offset other direct
8 client expenses including toys, entertainment, snacks and beverages
9 for the children served through the Program and interpretation
10 services and transportation vouchers for the participating families.

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 Family Nurturing Center of Florida, Inc.
14 for the Program as described herein. Pursuant to Section 126.108(g)
15 (Exemptions from competitive solicitation), Part 1 (General
16 Regulations; Ethics and Transparency in Public Contracting), Chapter
17 126 (Procurement Code), *Ordinance Code*, such procurement is exempted
18 from competitive solicitation because the supplies or services are
19 to be provided by those specifically prescribed within authorizing
20 legislation. With the exception of the foregoing, all other provisions
21 of Chapter 126, *Ordinance Code*, shall remain in full force and effect.

22 **Section 4. Waiver of Section 118.107, Ordinance Code.** The
23 provisions of Section 118.107 (Nonprofits to receive funding through
24 a competitive evaluated award process), Part 1 (General Provisions),
25 Chapter 118 (City Grants), *Ordinance Code*, are hereby waived to allow
26 for a direct contract with FNC. This waiver is justified because FNC
27 provides unique services to low- and middle-income members of the
28 community by overseeing supervised visitations for parents in
29 high-conflict or high-risk situations and by providing supervised
30 exchanges that allow custodial transfer of time from one parent to
31 another in a manner that prevents conflicts or interactions between

1 the parents.

2 **Section 5. Waiver of Certain Provisions of Section 118.301,**
3 **Ordinance Code.** The provisions of Subsection 118.301(a)(3)(iv)
4 (Expenditure of appropriated funds), Part 3 (Administration of City
5 Grants), Chapter 118 (City Grants), *Ordinance Code*, are hereby waived
6 to allow for a portion of the grant funds to be expensed for costs
7 of amusements, social activities and incidental costs relating
8 thereto. This waiver is justified as it will allow FNC to make toys
9 and entertainment as well as snacks and treats available for children
10 who are served through the Program. This serves as a simple but
11 integral part in making children comfortable during supervised
12 visitations and exchanges.

13 **Section 6. Approval and Authorization to Execute.** There is
14 hereby approved, and the Mayor, or her designee, and the Corporation
15 Secretary are hereby authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of
16 the City a grant agreement with Family Nurturing Center of Florida,
17 Inc. in an amount not-to-exceed \$75,000, subject to the Term Sheet
18 and Budget more particularly described in **Exhibit 2**, for a term
19 commencing on October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025, and all
20 other contracts and documents, including extensions, renewals and
21 amendments to the agreement, and to otherwise take all action
22 necessary to effectuate the intent of this Ordinance, subject to
23 appropriate legal review and approval by the General Counsel, or his
24 or her designee, and the City's Risk Management Division for
25 appropriate insurance and indemnification requirements in accordance
26 with Section 128.601, *Ordinance Code*.

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

30 **Section 8. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become
31 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective

1 without the Mayor's signature.

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3 Form Approved:

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5 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

6 Office of General Counsel

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