

Introduced by Council Member Arias:

ORDINANCE 2025-730

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CARRYOVER OF THE REMAINING PORTION OF THE \$100,000 IN GRANT FUNDS ORIGINALLY APPROPRIATED BY ORDINANCE 2024-767-E TO EL BETHEL DIVINE HOLINESS CHURCH, INC. D/B/A EL BETH EL DEVELOPMENT CENTER, INC. ("EL BETH EL") FOR THE PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE CRIME PREVENTION PROGRAM TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2026, SO THE FUNDS REMAIN AVAILABLE FOR DISBURSEMENT TO EL BETH EL; AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 CITY GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND EL BETH EL (THE "AGREEMENT") TO EXTEND THE TERM OF THE AGREEMENT TO MARCH 31, 2026, AND CERTAIN OTHER RELATED DATES AND DEADLINES WITHIN THE AGREEMENT; REQUESTING EMERGENCY PASSAGE UPON INTRODUCTION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance 2024-767-E, the City Council appropriated \$100,000 in grant funding and authorized execution of a grant agreement with El Bethel Divine Holiness Church, Inc. d/b/a El Beth El Development Center, Inc. ("El Beth El") for the People Helping People Crime Prevention Program (the "Program") in fiscal year 2024-2025; and

WHEREAS, the Council subsequently enacted Ordinance 2025-482-E to authorize disbursement of the full amount of the grant funds as an advance payment to El Beth El recognizing that all Program events being funded through the City grant had already occurred; and

1 **WHEREAS,** a portion of the funds appropriated to El Beth El for
2 the Program have not been disbursed and the Council desires to ensure
3 these funds remain available in Fiscal Year 2025-2026 for distribution
4 in accordance with the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 City Grant Agreement
5 between the City and El Beth El (the "Agreement"); now therefore

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

7 **Section 1. Carryover.** The remaining portion of the
8 \$100,000 originally appropriated by Ordinance 2024-767-E for a grant
9 to El Beth El for the People Helping People Crime Prevention Program
10 shall not lapse but shall carryover to September 30, 2026, so the
11 funds remain available for distribution to El Beth El in accordance
12 with the Agreement.

13 **Section 2. Authorizing Execution of Amendment to Agreement.**
14 The Mayor, or her designee, and the Corporation Secretary are hereby
15 authorized to execute an amendment to the Agreement originally
16 approved and authorized by Ordinance 2024-767-E and amended by
17 Ordinance 2025-482-E, to extend the term of the agreement to March
18 31, 2026, and certain other related dates and deadlines based on the
19 extension to the contract term authorized herein.

20 **Section 3. Requesting Emergency Passage Upon Introduction**
21 **Pursuant to Council Rule 4.901 Emergency.** Emergency passage upon
22 introduction of this legislation is requested. The nature of the
23 emergency is that the term of the Agreement will expire on September
24 30, 2025, and additional time is needed to distribute the remaining
25 grant funds not yet disbursed to El Beth El.

26 **Section 4. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become
27 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
28 without the Mayor's signature.
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Form Approved:

/s/Mary E. Staffopoulos

Office of General Counsel

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