

1 Introduced by Council Member Johnson:
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4 **ORDINANCE 2026-116**

5 AN ORDINANCE REGARDING THE GRANT AWARD TO
6 ACADEMY OF SCHOLARS, INC. (THE "ACADEMY") FOR
7 THE HEALING THROUGH ARTS PROGRAM (THE "PROGRAM")
8 APPROVED AND AUTHORIZED BY ORDINANCE 2025-683-
9 E; WAIVING THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE ACADEMY HAVE
10 AND MAINTAIN CERTAIN TYPES AND AMOUNTS OF
11 AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE FOR THE PERIOD OF JUNE 1,
12 2025 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2025, AS REQUIRED BY THE
13 CITY'S RISK MANAGEMENT DIVISION PURSUANT TO
14 SECTION 128.601, *ORDINANCE CODE*; REQUESTING ONE
15 CYCLE EMERGENCY PASSAGE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE
16 DATE.
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18 **WHEREAS**, on September 23, 2025, the City Council enacted
19 Ordinance 2025-683-E to appropriate \$10,000 to Academy of Scholars,
20 Inc. (the "Academy") for the Healing Through Arts Program (the
21 "Program") and authorized execution of a grant agreement between the
22 City or Kids Hope Alliance and the Academy for said Program, subject
23 to the Term Sheet and Budget appended as Exhibit 2 to the enacted
24 legislation and legal review and approval by the General Counsel, or
25 his designee, and the City's Risk Management Division for appropriate
26 insurance and indemnification requirements in accordance with Section
27 128.601, *Ordinance Code*; and

28 **WHEREAS**, after enactment of the legislation but prior to
29 execution of a grant agreement with the Academy it was discovered
30 that the Academy could not produce a Certificate of Insurance
31 reflecting that it had obtained and maintained the types and amounts

1 of automobile insurance required by the City's Risk Management
2 Division for similarly situated grant recipients during the grant
3 term of June 1, 2025 through August 1, 2025, in accordance with
4 Section 128.601, *Ordinance Code*; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the Academy has requested the City Council waive the
6 requirement that the Academy have and maintain the required automobile
7 insurance during the aforementioned dates so they can be reimbursed
8 for services rendered through the Program; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the Academy was otherwise in compliance with all other
10 terms and conditions imposed on the grant award; now therefore

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

12 **Section 1. Waiving the Requirement for a Certificate of**
13 **Insurance.** The requirement that Academy of Scholars, Inc. have and
14 maintain certain types and amounts of automobile insurance as required
15 by the Risk Management Division pursuant to Section 128.601, *Ordinance*
16 *Code*, for the period beginning June 1, 2025 through August 1, 2025,
17 is hereby waived. The Academy provided the services through the
18 Program contemplated by Ordinance 2025-683-E and has otherwise
19 complied with the requirements for disbursement of City grant funds
20 for the Program.

21 **Section 2. Requesting One Cycle Emergency Passage Pursuant**
22 **to Council Rule 4.901 Emergency.** One cycle emergency passage of this
23 legislation is requested. The nature of the emergency is that the
24 services were rendered and completed by August 2025 but the Academy
25 has not yet been paid due to the lack of a Certificate of Insurance
26 as described above. The Council desires to reimburse the Academy for
27 services rendered pursuant to the grant award as soon as possible.

28 **Section 3. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become
29 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
30 without the Mayor's signature.

1 Form Approved:

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3 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

4 Office of General Counsel

5 Legislation Prepared By: Mary E. Staffopoulos

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