

1 Introduced by the Council President at the request of the Mayor:
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4 **ORDINANCE 2021-152**

5 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$5,825,311.00 IN
6 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS FROM THE
7 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
8 AUTHORIZED BY THE CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF, AND
9 ECONOMIC SECURITY ("CARES") ACT TO BE USED TO
10 PREVENT, PREPARE FOR, AND RESPOND TO THE
11 CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC ("COVID-19") BY PROVIDING
12 AID AND ASSISTANCE TO ELIGIBLE LOW- AND
13 MODERATE- INCOME INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES, OR
14 THOSE WHO LIVE IN AREAS DESIGNATED AS LOW- AND
15 MODERATE- INCOME, TO MITIGATE THE IMPACTS OF
16 COVID-19, AS INITIATED BY B.T. 21-044; PURPOSE
17 OF THE APPROPRIATION; INVOKING THE EXCEPTION OF
18 SECTION 126.107(G) (EXEMPTIONS), PART 1 (GENERAL
19 REGULATIONS), CHAPTER 126, (PROCUREMENT CODE),
20 *ORDINANCE CODE*, TO ALLOW FOR A DIRECT CONTRACT
21 WITH DOWNTOWN VISION, INC.; APPROVING AND
22 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, OR HIS DESIGNEE, AND
23 CORPORATION SECRETARY TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER ON
24 BEHALF OF THE CITY AN AGREEMENT WITH DOWNTOWN
25 VISION, INC. FOR THE PROVISION OF SERVICES
26 DESCRIBED IN THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR
27 OVERSIGHT BY THE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY
28 DEVELOPMENT DIVISION, NEIGHBORHOODS DEPARTMENT;
29 PROVIDING FOR COMPLIANCE WITH ALL CARES ACT
30 GRANT FUNDING REQUIREMENTS AND OTHER
31 REQUIREMENTS AS PROVIDED BY LAW; REQUESTING

1 EMERGENCY PASSAGE UPON INTRODUCTION; PROVIDING
2 AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

5 **Section 1. Appropriation.** For the 2020-2021 fiscal year,
6 within the City's budget, there are hereby appropriated the indicated
7 sum(s) from the account(s) listed in subsection (a) to the account(s)
8 listed in subsection (b):

9 (B.T. 21-044 attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** and incorporated herein by
10 this reference)

11 (a) Appropriated from:

12 See B.T. 21-044 \$5,825,311.00

13 (b) Appropriated to:

14 See B.T. 21-044 \$5,825,311.00

15 (c) Explanation of Appropriation:

16 The funding above is an appropriation of Community
17 Development Block Grant funds in the amount of
18 \$5,825,311.00 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban
19 Development ("HUD") authorized by the CARES Act (the "CDBG-
20 CV Funds"). The CDBG-CV Funds will be distributed as
21 follows: (i) \$4,000,000.00 retained by the City for
22 projects related to acquisition and rehabilitation of
23 permanent supportive housing; (ii) \$1,500,000.00 retained
24 by the City for mortgage foreclosure prevention services;
25 (iii) \$150,000.00 to Downtown Vision, Inc. to fund the Life
26 Builders Ambassador Program; and (iv) \$175,311.00 retained
27 by the City to cover administrative costs incurred by the
28 Housing and Community Development Division for
29 administration of permanent supportive housing projects
30 and mortgage foreclosure prevention services.

31 **Section 2. Purpose.** The purpose of the appropriation in

1 Section 1 is to provide aid and assistance to prevent, prepare for
2 and respond to COVID-19 by mitigating its impact on eligible low- and
3 moderate- income individuals and families or those who live in areas
4 designated as low- and moderate- income. The CDBG-CV Funds may be
5 used for short term (up to 6 months) mortgage and rental payment
6 assistance, homeless services, public service grants, economic
7 development projects, and public facility improvements that meet a
8 HUD-defined national objective. These funds may also be used to
9 cover or reimburse allowable costs incurred by the City before the
10 award of funding from HUD, including allowable costs incurred prior
11 to the signing of the CARES Act. A copy of the HUD CDBG-CV Funds
12 award letter is attached hereto as **Exhibit 2** and incorporated herein
13 by this reference.

14 **Section 3. Invoking the exception to Section 126.107(g),**
15 **Ordinance Code.** The City is hereby authorized to procure the use of
16 the professional services of Downtown Vision, Inc. ("DVI") to provide
17 Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus assistance services
18 (the "CDBG-CV Services") through its Life Builders Ambassador
19 Program. Pursuant to Section 126.107(g) (Exemptions), Part 1 (General
20 Regulations), Chapter 126 (Procurement Code), *Ordinance Code*, such
21 procurement is exempted from competitive solicitation because the
22 supplies or services are to be provided by those specifically
23 prescribed within authorizing legislation that appropriates the same.
24 With the exception of the foregoing, all other provisions of Chapter
25 126, *Ordinance Code*, shall remain in full force and effect. The
26 Scope of Work and Program Budget more particularly described in
27 **Exhibit 3**, attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference,
28 designates the CDBG-CV Services to be performed by DVI as a
29 subrecipient/subcontractor for the City.

30 **Section 4. Authorizations.** The Mayor, or his designee,
31 and the Corporation Secretary are hereby authorized to execute and

1 deliver on behalf of the City an agreement with Downtown Vision, Inc.
2 in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00, subject to the Scope of Work
3 and Program Budget more particularly described in Exhibit 3, and all
4 other contracts and documents, including extensions, renewals and
5 amendments to the agreement, and otherwise take all action necessary
6 to effectuate the intent of this ordinance, subject to appropriate
7 legal review and approval by the General Counsel, or his or her
8 designee, and the City's Risk Management Division for appropriate
9 insurance and indemnification requirements in accordance with Section
10 128.601, *Ordinance Code*.

11 **Section 5. Oversight department.** The Housing and
12 Community Development Division, Neighborhoods Department shall
13 provide oversight of expenditure of the CDBG-CV Funds and the CDBG-
14 CV Services to be provided by Downtown Vision Alliance, Inc.

15 **Section 6. Compliance with applicable CARES Act grant**
16 **requirements.** Downtown Vision, Inc. will comply with all CARES Act
17 grant requirements in providing the CDBG-CV Services described in
18 this ordinance, and all other requirements provided by law including,
19 but not limited to, the audit requirements attached hereto as **Exhibit**
20 **4** and incorporated herein by this reference.

21 **Section 7. Requesting emergency passage upon introduction**
22 **pursuant to Council Rule 4.901.** Emergency passage of this
23 legislation is requested upon introduction. The nature of the
24 emergency is that the negative economic impacts of COVID-19 are
25 ongoing and immediate economic assistance is needed to ensure eligible
26 individuals and families can retain their homes.

27 **Section 8. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall become
28 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
29 without the Mayor's signature.
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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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