

Introduced by Council Member White:

ORDINANCE 2025-893

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$245,220 FROM THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE FIGHTERS CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT TO THE SUBSIDIES AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO PRIVATE ORG ACCOUNT TO PROVIDE A GRANT TO THE JACKSONVILLE ASSOCIATION OF FIREFIGHTERS, IAFF LOCAL NO. 122, INC. ("JAFF") FOR RESTORATION OF A WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION ERA FIRE TOWER (THE "PROJECT") AS DESCRIBED HEREIN; PROVIDING FOR CARRYOVER OF FUNDS TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2027; WAIVING SECTION 118.107 (NONPROFITS TO RECEIVE FUNDING THROUGH A COMPETITIVE EVALUATED AWARD PROCESS; WAIVER AND DISCLOSURES), PART 1 (GENERAL PROVISIONS), CHAPTER 118 (CITY GRANTS), *ORDINANCE CODE*, TO ALLOW FOR A DIRECT CONTRACT WITH JAFF; APPROVING, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, OR HER DESIGNEE, AND THE CORPORATION SECRETARY TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER ON BEHALF OF THE CITY A GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE AND JAFF FOR THE PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR OVERSIGHT BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

Section 1. Appropriation. For the 2025-2026 fiscal year, within the City's budget, there is hereby appropriated the indicated sum(s) from the account(s) listed in subsection (a) to the account(s)

1 listed in subsection (b):

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

4 (a) Appropriated from:

5 See **Exhibit 1** \$245,220

6 (b) Appropriated to:

7 See **Exhibit 1** \$245,220

8 (c) Explanation of Appropriation:

9 The funding above is an appropriation of \$245,220 from the
10 International Association of Fire Fighters Contingency
11 account to the Subsidies and Contributions to Private Org
12 account to provide a grant to Jacksonville Association of
13 Firefighters, IAFF Local No. 122, Inc. ("JAFF") for
14 restoration of a Works Progress Administration (WPA) era
15 fire tower (the "Project") as described herein.

16 **Section 2. Purpose.** The purpose of the appropriation in
17 Section 1 is to provide grant funds from the City of Jacksonville to
18 JAFF for the Project as described in **Exhibit 2**, attached hereto and
19 incorporated herein by this reference. The Project will entail
20 restoration of a Works Progress Administration era fire tower (the
21 "Tower") located at 625 Stockton Street. The Tower was constructed
22 in the 1930s and served as the primary training facility for the fire
23 service for over 60 years. The Jacksonville Fire and Rescue
24 Department ("JFRD") still utilizes the Tower as a supplemental
25 training facility due, in part, to its central location within Duval
26 County. Restoration efforts will include replacement and/or repair
27 of wooden windows and doors, repair of the existing fire escape, and
28 exterior masonry repairs with the intent of restoring the Tower to
29 its original, historic condition. This will enable JFRD and other
30 fire service providers to continue utilizing the Tower as a training
31 facility for years to come.

1 **Section 3. Carryover.** The funds appropriated herein shall
2 not lapse but shall carryover to September 30, 2027.

3 **Section 4. Waiver of Section 118.107, Ordinance Code.** The
4 provisions of Section 118.107 (Nonprofits to receive funding through
5 a competitive evaluated award process; waiver and disclosures), Part
6 1 (General Provisions), Chapter 118 (City Grants), *Ordinance Code*,
7 are hereby waived to allow for a direct contract with JAFF. This
8 waiver is justified because JAFF owns and is responsible for
9 maintenance and upkeep of the Tower and will continue to make it
10 available to JFRD and other fire service providers as a training
11 facility after restoration efforts are completed. JAFF has provided
12 the Affidavit of Disclosure required by subsection 118.107(b)(2),
13 *Ordinance Code*, attached hereto as **Exhibit 3** to accompany this waiver.

14 **Section 5. Approval and Authorization to Execute.** There is
15 hereby approved, and the Mayor, or her designee, and the Corporation
16 Secretary are hereby authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of
17 the City a grant agreement with Jacksonville Association of
18 Firefighters, IAFF Local No. 122, Inc. in an amount not-to-exceed
19 \$245,220, subject to the Term Sheet and Budget more particularly
20 described in **Exhibit 2**, for a term commencing on January 1, 2026
21 through March 31, 2027, and all other contracts and documents,
22 including extensions, renewals and amendments to the agreement, and
23 to otherwise take all action necessary to effectuate the intent of
24 this Ordinance, subject to appropriate legal review and approval by
25 the General Counsel, or his or her designee, and the City's Risk
26 Management Division for appropriate insurance and indemnification
27 requirements in accordance with Section 128.601, *Ordinance Code*.

28 **Section 6. Oversight Department.** The Department of Public
29 Works shall oversee the project described herein.

30 **Section 7. 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

7 Legislation Prepared By: Mary E. Staffopoulos

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