

Introduced by the Council President at the request of the Mayor and
Co-Sponsored by Council Member Johnson and amended by the
Neighborhoods, Community Services, Public Health and Safety
Committee:

ORDINANCE 2025-647-E

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$326,591.00
(\$262,082.00 IN GRANT FUNDS FROM AMERICORPS
SENIORS, FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE CORPORATION FOR
NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE, AND A \$64,509.00
MATCH FROM THE CITY FROM THE FEDERAL MATCHING
GRANTS ACTIVITY CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT) FOR THE
DUVAL COUNTY SENIOR COMPANION PROGRAM, AS
INITIATED BY REVISED B.T. 25-106; AUTHORIZING
TWO FULL-TIME POSITIONS, AND 1,300 PART-TIME
HOURS WITHIN THE SENIOR SERVICES DIVISION, AS
INITIATED BY R.C. 25-158; PROVIDING FOR CITY
OVERSIGHT BY THE SENIOR SERVICES DIVISION OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY
SERVICES; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

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

(Revised B.T. 25-106, attached hereto as **Revised Exhibit 1**, labeled
as "Revised Exhibit 1, Rev B.T. 25-106, September 15, 2025 - NCSPHS"
and incorporated herein by this reference):

(a) Appropriated from:

See Revised B.T. 25-106 \$326,591.00

(b) Appropriated to:

See Revised B.T. 25-106 \$326,591.00

(c) Explanation of Appropriation:

The funding above comprises \$262,082.00 in grant funds (the "Grant") from AmeriCorps Seniors (formerly known as the Corporation for National and Community Service) ("AmeriCorps") and an additional appropriation of \$64,509.00 from the Federal Matching Grants Activity Contingency Account for the City match, for the Duval County Senior Companion Program (the "Program"). The Grant period commences July 1, 2024 and ends June 30, 2027. This appropriation represents funding for year two of the Grant.

Section 2. Purpose. The purpose of the appropriation in Section 1 is to provide grant funding for year two of the three year Grant to support the Program which focuses on providing aid and friendship to older adults who have difficulty with daily living tasks by connecting eligible seniors with Program volunteers. The Program serves seniors aged 60 years and older who have one or more physical, emotional, or mental health limitations and who need assistance to achieve and maintain a higher level of independent living. Volunteers perform tasks such as shopping, paying bills, and providing escorted services to medical appointments and other places as needed, while also providing companionship, which is intended to assist seniors to live independently in their homes for as long as possible, with the same or an improved quality of life.

The Grant and matching funds will be used for Program staff salary and benefits, volunteer stipends, meals and mileage, volunteer recognition events, supplies, training and travel. The Notice of Grant Award is attached hereto as **Exhibit 2** and incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 3. Authorizing Two Positions, and Part-Time Hours.

There is hereby approved the two full-time positions, and 1,300 part-time hours within the Senior Services Division as more fully described in R.C. 25-158, attached hereto as **Exhibit 3**, and incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 4. Oversight Department. The Senior Services Division of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services shall oversee administration of the Grant and shall provide oversight of the Program and positions described herein.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective without the Mayor's signature.

Form Approved:

/s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

Office of General Counsel

Legislation Prepared By: Joelle J. Dillard

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