

1 Introduced by Council Member White:
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4 **ORDINANCE 2024-932**

5 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$38,091 FROM A
6 GENERAL FUND OPERATING SPECIAL COUNCIL
7 CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT TO THE GENERAL FUND
8 OPERATING SUBSIDIES AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO PRIVATE
9 ORG ACCOUNT TO PROVIDE CITY GRANT FUNDING TO
10 BEN'S PLACE SERVICES INC. ("BEN'S PLACE") FOR
11 THE LOW-COST TRANSITIONARY DAY PROGRAM (THE
12 "PROGRAM") AS DESCRIBED HEREIN; WAIVING SECTION
13 118.107 (NONPROFITS TO RECEIVE FUNDING THROUGH
14 A COMPETITIVE EVALUATED AWARD PROCESS), PART 1
15 (GENERAL PROVISIONS), CHAPTER 118 (CITY GRANTS),
16 *ORDINANCE CODE*, TO ALLOW FOR A DIRECT CONTRACT
17 WITH BEN'S PLACE; APPROVING, AND AUTHORIZING THE
18 MAYOR, OR HER DESIGNEE, AND THE CORPORATION
19 SECRETARY TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER ON BEHALF OF
20 THE CITY A GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF
21 JACKSONVILLE AND BEN'S PLACE FOR THE PROGRAM;
22 PROVIDING FOR OVERSIGHT BY THE GRANTS AND
23 CONTRACT COMPLIANCE DIVISION OF THE FINANCE
24 DEPARTMENT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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26 **BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

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

31 (The account information is attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** and

1 incorporated herein by this reference)

2 (a) Appropriated from:

3 See **Exhibit 1** \$38,091

4 (b) Appropriated to:

5 See **Exhibit 1** \$38,091

6 (c) Explanation of Appropriation:

7 The funding above is an appropriation of \$38,091 from a
8 General Fund Operating Special Council Contingency account
9 to the General Fund Operating Subsidies and Contributions
10 to Private Org account to provide a grant to Ben's Place
11 Services Inc. ("Ben's Place") for the Low-Cost
12 Transitional Day Program (the "Program") as described
13 herein.

14 **Section 2. Purpose.** The purpose of the appropriation in
15 Section 1 is to provide grant funds from the City of Jacksonville to
16 Ben's Place Services Inc. for the Low-Cost Transitional Day Program
17 as described in **Exhibit 2**, attached hereto and incorporated herein
18 by this reference. The Program was designed to provide an opportunity
19 for adult Duval County residents with disabilities who have timed out
20 or aged out of high school at the age of 22 to continue to have daily
21 interaction and social contact with friends and others. Participants
22 in the Program are able to gather and socialize while they learn life
23 skills, including proper self-care and hygiene, and to enjoy outdoor
24 activities, making arts and crafts, and attending special events and
25 parties. The Program serves a secondary function by also allowing an
26 opportunity for caregivers to run errands or attend to personal needs
27 while their disabled loved one is enjoying Program activities. The
28 City funds will be used to pay a portion of the salary for a Social
29 Skills Coordinator to help administer the Program and will also help
30 to offset costs for various office, craft and other supplies for the
31 Program.

1 **Section 3. Waiver of Section 118.107, Ordinance Code.** The
2 provisions of Section 118.107 (Nonprofits to receive funding through
3 a competitive evaluated award process), Part 1 (General Provisions),
4 Chapter 118 (City Grants), *Ordinance Code*, are hereby waived to allow
5 for a direct contract with Ben's Place. This waiver is justified
6 because once a disabled individual is no longer able to attend school,
7 it can be difficult to find regular programs and services to aid in
8 continuity of social interaction and life-skills education. Ben's
9 Place has filled this need by providing such programming to serve
10 both disabled adults who are no longer in school and their caregivers
11 for over 20 years.

12 **Section 4. Approval and Authorization to Execute.** There is
13 hereby approved, and the Mayor, or her designee, and the Corporation
14 Secretary are hereby authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of
15 the City a grant agreement with Ben's Place Services Inc. in an amount
16 not-to-exceed \$38,091, subject to the Term Sheet and Budget more
17 particularly described in **Exhibit 2**, for a term commencing on October
18 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025, and all other contracts and
19 documents, including extensions, renewals and amendments to the
20 agreement, and to otherwise take all action necessary to effectuate
21 the intent of this Ordinance, subject to appropriate legal review and
22 approval by the General Counsel, or his or her designee, and the
23 City's Risk Management Division for appropriate insurance and
24 indemnification requirements in accordance with Section 128.601,
25 *Ordinance Code*.

26 **Section 5. Oversight Department.** The Grants and Contract
27 Compliance Division of the Finance Department shall oversee the
28 project described herein.

29 **Section 6. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become
30 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
31 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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