

1 Introduced by the Council President at the request of the Sheriff:
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4 **ORDINANCE 2024-29**

5 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING GRANT FUNDS IN THE
6 AMOUNT OF \$249,953.00 FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT
7 OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF COMMUNITY ORIENTED
8 POLICING SERVICES ("COPS"), TO FUND THE
9 EXPANSION OF THE INTEGRATING COMMUNICATIONS,
10 ASSESSMENT, AND TACTICS (ICAT) COURSE INCLUDING
11 THE PURCHASE OF VIRTUAL REALITY EQUIPMENT AND
12 OTHER RELATED EXPENSES, AS INITIATED BY B.T. 24-
13 036; PROVIDING FOR CITY OVERSIGHT BY THE
14 JACKSONVILLE SHERIFF'S OFFICE; PROVIDING AN
15 EFFECTIVE DATE.
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17 **BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

18 **Section 1. Appropriation.** For the 2023-2024 fiscal year,
19 within the City's budget, there is hereby appropriated the indicated
20 sum(s) from the account(s) listed in subsection (a) to the account(s)
21 listed in subsection (b):

22 (B.T. 24-036 attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** and incorporated herein by
23 this reference)

- 24 (a) Appropriated from:
25 See B.T. 24-036 \$249,953.00
- 26 (b) Appropriated to:
27 See B.T. 24-036 \$249,953.00
- 28 (c) Explanation of Appropriation

29 The funding above is an appropriation of grant funds from
30 the Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented
31 Policing Services, to fund the enhancement and expansion

1 of the Integrating Communications, Assessment, and Tactics
2 ("ICAT") course by offering the ICAT course agency-wide,
3 purchasing virtual reality ("VR") equipment and related
4 software maintenance, and funding overtime related to
5 training, collecting data and information, and reviewing
6 incidents. The grant period commenced on October 1, 2023
7 and shall continue through September 30, 2025. No local
8 match is required.

9 **Section 2. Purpose.** The purpose of the appropriation in
10 Section 1 is to provide funding for the enhancement and expansion of
11 the ICAT course to further embed the concept of community policing
12 into the fabric of the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office ("JSO"), by
13 purchasing virtual reality ("VR") equipment, providing the VR-
14 enhanced ICAT training to officers and recruits, collecting project
15 related data and information, and reviewing the number of incidents
16 using force annually.

17 The ICAT course was developed by the Police Executive Research
18 Forum and designed as an integrated training approach that brings
19 together verbal and tactical techniques to peacefully resolve tense
20 encounters. Providing the VR-enhanced ICAT course agencywide will
21 help narrow the ICAT knowledge gap between new and veteran officers
22 giving them a common operating picture to work from and, ultimately,
23 increasing positive public safety outcomes for officers and citizens.

24 A copy of the Grant Award Letter (Award Number 15JCOPS-23-GG-
25 02527-PPSE) with conditions, is attached hereto as **Exhibit 2** and
26 incorporated herein by this reference.

27 **Section 3. Oversight.** The Jacksonville Sheriff's Office
28 shall oversee and administer the grant described herein.

29 **Section 4. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become
30 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
31 without the Mayor's signature.

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Form Approved:

/s/ Joelle J. Dillard

Office of General Counsel

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