

1 Introduced by the Council President at the request of the Mayor:
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4 **ORDINANCE 2023-865**

5 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING GRANT FUNDS IN THE
6 AMOUNT OF \$899,660.00 FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT
7 OF JUSTICE, BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE
8 ("DOJ"), FOR THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF
9 FLORIDA, VETERANS TREATMENT COURT (VTC)
10 PROGRAMS, TO FUND THE ENHANCEMENT OF THE VTC
11 PROGRAMS, FOR THE GRANT TERM BEGINNING OCTOBER
12 1, 2023 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2027 AS INITIATED
13 BY B.T. 24-031; PROVIDING FOR CARRYOVER OF FUNDS
14 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2027; PROVIDING FOR CITY
15 OVERSIGHT BY THE COURT ADMINISTRATION, DIRECTOR
16 OF PROBLEM SOLVING COURTS; PROVIDING AN
17 EFFECTIVE DATE.
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19 **BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

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

24 (B.T. 24-031 attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** and incorporated herein by
25 this reference)

26 (a) Appropriated from:

27 See B.T. 24-031 \$899,660.00

28 (b) Appropriated to:

29 See B.T. 24-031 \$899,660.00

30 (c) Explanation of Appropriation:

31 The funding above is a grant from the U.S. Department of

1 Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, for the Fourth
2 Judicial Circuit of Florida, Veterans Treatment Court (VTC)
3 program to fund the enhancement of a multi-system approach
4 to assist certain veterans arrested for non-violent
5 offenses with service related substance use disorders,
6 mental disorders, co-occurring disorders, or injuries such
7 as PTS, Traumatic Brian Injury, and Military Sexual Trauma,
8 including additional providers and evidence based
9 practices with respect to the VTC programs. The above
10 grant is for the entire four (4) year grant period which
11 commences on October 1, 2023 and continues through
12 September 30, 2027. No local match is required.

13 **Section 2. Purpose.** The purpose of the appropriation in
14 Section 1 is to expand the Fourth Judicial Circuit of Florida,
15 Veterans Treatment Court (VTC) program, including increasing the
16 number of partnered clinical providers, expanding transitional
17 housing and transportation options, and utilizing validated trauma,
18 risk, and needs assessments to implement the "Dare to Dream" recovery
19 capital model developed by the National Drug Court Institute. The VTC
20 program involves a combination of pre-trial and post-
21 plea/adjudication case types that target adults arrested for non-
22 violent offenses with service related substance use disorders, mental
23 disorders, co-occurring disorders, or injuries such as PTS, Traumatic
24 Brian Injury and Military Sexual Trauma. A copy of the Notice of
25 Award is attached hereto as **Exhibit 2** and incorporated herein by this
26 reference.

27 **Section 3. Carryover.** The funds appropriated in Section 1
28 of this Ordinance are for the entire four (4) year grant period and
29 shall not lapse but shall carryover into subsequent fiscal years
30 through fiscal year 2026-2027.

31 **Section 4. Oversight.** The Court Administration, Director

1 of Problem Solving Courts shall oversee the administration of the
2 Grant described herein, including providing reporting required by the
3 terms of the Grant.

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

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8 Form Approved:

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10 /s/ Joelle J. Dillard

11 Office of General Counsel

12 Legislation prepared by: Joelle J. Dillard

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