

Introduced by Council Member Arias:

ORDINANCE 2026-577

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$50,000 FROM THE FAGC GRANTS AND CONTRACT COMPLIANCE - FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATION - SUBSIDIES AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO PRIVATE ORG ACCOUNT TO THE GENERAL FUND OPERATING - FIRST COAST CRIME STOPPERS - SUBSIDIES AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO PRIVATE ORG ACCOUNT TO PROVIDE FUNDING TO FIRST COAST CRIME STOPPERS, INC. ("FCCS") FOR THE OPERATION COMMUNITY SHIELD PROGRAM (THE "PROGRAM") AS DESCRIBED HEREIN; 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 FCCS; 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 FIRST COAST CRIME STOPPERS, INC. FOR THE PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR OVERSIGHT BY THE GRANTS AND CONTRACT COMPLIANCE DIVISION OF THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT; REQUESTING ONE CYCLE EMERGENCY PASSAGE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

Section 1. Appropriation. For the 2025-2026 fiscal year,

1 within the City's budget, there is hereby appropriated the indicated
2 sum(s) from the account(s) listed in subsection (a) to the account(s)
3 listed in subsection (b):

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

6 (a) Appropriated from:

7 See **Exhibit 1** \$50,000

8 (b) Appropriated to:

9 See **Exhibit 1** \$50,000

10 (c) Explanation of Appropriation:

11 The funding above is an appropriation of \$150,000 from the
12 FAGC Grants and Contract Compliance - Financial and
13 Administration - Subsidies and Contributions to Private
14 Org account to the General Fund Operating - First Coast
15 Crime Stoppers - Subsidies and Contributions to Private
16 Org account to provide a grant to First Coast Crime
17 Stoppers, Inc. ("FCCS") for the Operation Community Shield
18 Program (the "Program") as described herein.

19 **Section 2. Purpose.** The purpose of the appropriation in
20 Section 1 is to provide grant funding from the City of Jacksonville
21 to FCCS for the Program as described in **Exhibit 2**, attached hereto
22 and incorporated herein by this reference. The Program is designed
23 to expand public awareness of anonymous crime reporting, strengthen
24 community engagement, improve information sharing between residents
25 and law enforcement, and enhance public safety throughout Duval
26 County. The Program will use a combination of digital campaigns
27 utilizing Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, and TikTok, and a variety of
28 print advertising media, to deliver geographically targeted public
29 safety messaging to at-risk neighborhoods and underserved communities
30 throughout Duval County. The City funds will be used for printing
31 and advertising (\$45,500) and to purchase a branded tent/booth for

1 use during community outreach events in Duval County (\$4,500).

2 **Section 3. Waiver of Section 118.107, Ordinance Code.** The
3 provisions of Section 118.107 (Nonprofits to receive funding through
4 a competitive evaluated award process; waiver and disclosures), Part
5 1 (General Provisions), Chapter 118 (City Grants), *Ordinance Code*,
6 are hereby waived to allow for a direct contract with First Coast
7 Crime Stoppers, Inc. This waiver is justified because FCCS's primary
8 function is to encourage and receive anonymous crime reports and tips
9 in Duval County and surrounding counties. FCCS has the personnel and
10 framework in place to expand these efforts through the Program to
11 further serve Duval County to aid in reduction of crime and
12 enhancement of public safety. FCCS has provided the Affidavit of
13 Disclosure required by subsection 118.107(b)(2), *Ordinance Code*,
14 attached hereto as **Exhibit 3** to accompany this waiver.

15 **Section 4. Approval and Authorization to Execute.** There is
16 hereby approved, and the Mayor, or her designee, and the Corporation
17 Secretary are hereby authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of
18 the City a grant agreement with First Coast Crime Stoppers, Inc. in
19 an amount not-to-exceed \$50,000, subject to the Term Sheet attached
20 hereto as **Exhibit 2**, for a term commencing on October 1, 2026 through
21 September 30, 2027, and to otherwise take all action necessary to
22 effectuate the intent of this Ordinance, subject to appropriate legal
23 review and approval by the General Counsel, or his or her designee,
24 and the City's Risk Management Division for appropriate insurance and
25 indemnification requirements in accordance with Section 128.601,
26 *Ordinance Code*.

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

30 **Section 6. Requesting One Cycle Emergency Passage Pursuant**
31 **to Council Rule 4.901 Emergency.** One cycle emergency passage of this

1 legislation is requested. The nature of the emergency is the City
2 Council would like to make the funds available to FCCS as soon as
3 possible to expedite implementation of the Program recognizing it
4 could be an effective tool in enhancing public safety throughout
5 Duval County.

6 **Section 7. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become
7 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
8 without the Mayor's signature.

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10 Form Approved:

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12 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

13 Office of General Counsel

14 Legislation Prepared By: Mary E. Staffopoulos

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