

Introduced by the Council President at the request of the Mayor and
Co-Sponsored by Council Member Johnson:

ORDINANCE 2025-643-E

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$6,752,972.00 FROM
THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY ("EPA")
FOR THE CHRISTOBEL SEPTIC TANK PHASE-OUT
PROJECT, AS INITIATED BY B.T. 25-112; AMENDING
THE 2025-2029 FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN
APPROVED BY ORDINANCE 2024-505-E TO REFLECT EPA
GRANT FUNDING FOR THE PROJECT; PROVIDING FOR
OVERSIGHT BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,
ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT
DIVISION; PROVIDING 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(s) from the account(s) listed in subsection (a) to the account(s)
listed in subsection (b):

(B.T. 25-112 attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** and incorporated herein by
this reference)

(a) Appropriated from:

See B.T. 25-112	\$6,752,972.00
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(b) Appropriated to:

See B.T. 25-112	\$6,752,972.00
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(c) Explanation of Appropriation:

The funding above represents an appropriation of grant
funding in the amount of \$6,752,972.00 from the U.S.
Environmental Protection Agency for the Christobel Septic

1 Tank Phase-Out project (the "Project"). No local match is
2 required.

3 **Section 2. Purpose.** The purpose of the appropriation in
4 Section 1 is to replace onsite sewage treatment and disposal systems
5 with central sewage connections in order to provide central sewer
6 services to unserved areas. The Christobel neighborhood borders the
7 Ribault River and was identified as an area of high priority according
8 to the agreement with JEA to phase out septic tanks. The appropriation
9 will provide funding for the construction of a complete gravity sewer
10 collection system with two submersible pump stations and force main
11 piping, and central sewer service to the project area. The expected
12 outcomes include the abandonment of approximately 310 septic systems
13 with resultant reductions in bacteriological and nutrient loading to
14 the St. Johns River and tributaries, provide infrastructure that will
15 support future development, and provide central sewer service to a
16 total of 495 parcels. A copy of the U.S. Environmental Protection
17 Agency Grant Agreement (Grant Number: 05D40025) providing the terms
18 and conditions relative to receipt and expenditure of the grant funds
19 has been placed **On File** with the Legislative Services Division.

20 **Section 3. Capital Improvement Plan Amendment.** Ordinance
21 2024-505-E, adopting the 2025-2029 Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan
22 (the "CIP") for the City and certain of its independent agencies, is
23 hereby amended to reflect U.S. Environmental Protection Agency grant
24 funding for the Project as more fully described in the Project
25 Information Sheet attached hereto as **Exhibit 2** and incorporated herein
26 by this reference. The City Council finds that the deferral of this
27 amendment of the CIP until the next annual budget and CIP review will
28 be detrimental to the best interests of the community because such
29 deferral will result in unnecessary delay of the Project and loss of
30 grant funding for the Project.

31 Pursuant to Section 122.605(c), *Ordinance Code*, enactment of

1 this Ordinance requires the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the
2 City Council members present at the meeting because of the CIP
3 amendment set forth in this section. This Ordinance shall constitute
4 an amendment to Ordinance 2024-505-E. In all other respects, the CIP
5 approved by Ordinance 2024-505-E shall remain unchanged and continue
6 in full force and effect.

7 **Section 4. Oversight.** The Department of Public Works,
8 Engineering and Construction Management Division, shall oversee
9 administration of the grant and Project described herein.

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

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14 Form Approved:

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16 /S/Mary E. Staffopoulos

17 Office of General Counsel

18 Legislation Prepared By: Joelle J. Dillard

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