

Introduced by Council Member Arias:

**ORDINANCE 2025-12**

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$76,181 FROM A GENERAL FUND OPERATING SPECIAL COUNCIL CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT TO THE GENERAL FUND OPERATING SUBSIDIES AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO PRIVATE ORG ACCOUNT, TO PROVIDE CITY GRANT FUNDING TO NORTHEAST FLORIDA IMMIGRANT RESOURCE ALLIANCE CORP ("NEFIRA") FOR THE NEFIRA EDUCATION PILLAR 2025 PROGRAM (THE "PROGRAM") AS DESCRIBED HEREIN; WAIVING SECTION 118.107 (NONPROFITS TO RECEIVE FUNDING THROUGH A COMPETITIVE EVALUATED AWARD PROCESS), PART 1 (GENERAL PROVISIONS), CHAPTER 118 (CITY GRANTS), *ORDINANCE CODE*, TO ALLOW FOR A DIRECT CONTRACT WITH NEFIRA; 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 NEFIRA FOR THE PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR OVERSIGHT BY THE GRANTS AND CONTRACT COMPLIANCE DIVISION OF THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT; 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):

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

(a) Appropriated from:

See **Exhibit 1** \$76,181

(b) Appropriated to:

See **Exhibit 1** \$76,181

(c) Explanation of Appropriation:

The funding above is an appropriation of \$76,181 from a General Fund Operating Special Council Contingency account to the General Fund Operating Subsidies and Contributions to Private Org account, to provide a grant to Northeast Florida Immigrant Resource Alliance Corp ("NEFIRA") for the NEFIRA Education Pillar 2025 Program (the "Program") as described herein.

**Section 2. Purpose.** The purpose of the appropriation in Section 1 is to provide grant funds from the City of Jacksonville to Northeast Florida Immigrant Resource Alliance Corp for the NEFIRA Education Pillar 2025 Program as described in **Exhibit 2**, attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference. The Program will offer a variety of services to Duval County's immigrant population including free citizenship drives, English Civic classes, first time voter education, English as a second language classes, and financial literacy classes. NEFIRA will use the City funds to expand the Program and anticipates providing services to over 500 residents in fiscal year 2024-2025. The City funds will be used to pay the salary for a part-time Program Consultant and various other expenses including venue rentals, marketing and advertising, and office and travel expenses related to administration of the Program. In addition, a portion of the funds will be used for direct client education expenses.

**Section 3. Waiver of Section 118.107, Ordinance Code.** The

provisions of Section 118.107 (Nonprofits to receive funding through a competitive evaluated award process), Part 1 (General Provisions), Chapter 118 (City Grants), *Ordinance Code*, are hereby waived to allow for a direct contract with NEFIRA. This waiver is justified because the Program is aimed at providing assistance and education to Duval County's underserved immigrant population and NEFIRA has previous experience operating this Program. NEFIRA has existing relationships with various educational, financial, and other community partners that offer educational opportunities, stabilization resources and civic engagement opportunities and will continue to work with these partners to assist in providing expanded Program services to meet the growing needs of this population.

**Section 4. Approval and Authorization to Execute.** There is hereby approved, and the Mayor, or her designee, and the Corporation Secretary are hereby authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of the City, a grant agreement with Northeast Florida Immigrant Resource Alliance Corp, in an amount not-to-exceed \$76,181, subject to the Term Sheet and Budget more particularly described in **Exhibit 2**, for a term commencing on October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025, and all other contracts and documents, including extensions, renewals and amendments to the agreement, and to otherwise take all action necessary to effectuate the intent of this Ordinance, subject to appropriate legal review and approval by the General Counsel, or his or her designee, and the City's Risk Management Division for appropriate insurance and indemnification requirements in accordance with Section 128.601, *Ordinance Code*.

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

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

1 without the Mayor's signature.

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3 Form Approved:

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5           /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos          

6 Office of General Counsel

7 Legislation Prepared By: Mary E. Staffopoulos

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