

1 Introduced by Council Member Lahnen and Co-Sponsored by Council
2 Members Miller, Salem, J. Carlucci, Howland, Arias, Pittman and
3 Johnson and amended by the Neighborhoods, Community Services, Public
4 Health and Safety Committee:
5
6

7 **ORDINANCE 2025-870-E**

8 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$53,490 FROM GENERAL
9 FUND OPERATING RESERVES TO THE UNIVERSITY OF
10 NORTH FLORIDA - SUBSIDIES AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO
11 OTHER GOVERNMENT ACCOUNT, TO PROVIDE CITY GRANT
12 FUNDING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH FLORIDA
13 ("UNF") FOR THE UNF MILITARY AND VETERANS
14 PROGRAM (THE "PROGRAM") AS DESCRIBED HEREIN;
15 APPROVING, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, OR HER
16 DESIGNEE, AND THE CORPORATION SECRETARY TO
17 EXECUTE AND DELIVER ON BEHALF OF THE CITY A GRANT
18 AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE AND
19 UNF FOR THE PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR OVERSIGHT BY
20 THE GRANTS AND CONTRACT COMPLIANCE DIVISION OF
21 THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE
22 DATE.
23

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

25 **Section 1. Appropriation.** For the 2025-2026 fiscal year,
26 within the City's budget, there is hereby appropriated the indicated
27 sum(s) from the account(s) listed in subsection (a) to the account(s)
28 listed in subsection (b):

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

31 (a) Appropriated from:

1 See **Exhibit 1** \$53,490

2 (b) Appropriated to:

3 See **Exhibit 1** \$53,490

4 (c) Explanation of Appropriation:

5 The funding above is an appropriation of \$53,490 from
6 General Fund Operating Reserves to the University of North
7 Florida - Subsidies and Contributions to Other Government
8 account, to provide a grant to University of North Florida
9 ("UNF") for the UNF Military and Veterans Program (the
10 "Program") as described herein.

11 **Section 2. Purpose.** The purpose of the appropriation in
12 Section 1 is to provide grant funds from the City of Jacksonville to
13 the University of North Florida for the UNF Military and Veterans
14 Program as described in **Revised Exhibit 2**, labeled as "Revised Exhibit
15 2, Rev Term Sheet & Budget, January 5, 2026 - NCSPHS" attached hereto
16 and incorporated herein by this reference. The Program is operated
17 out of the UNF Military and Veterans Resource Center (the "MVRC")
18 which serves over 2,000 military-connected students. In addition to
19 helping these students certify and manage their veterans' educational
20 benefits, the MVRC offers access to technology and equipment, free
21 of charge, to assist students in their educational pursuits while
22 also serving as a location for work study groups, completion of class
23 projects, student collaborations, and development of presentations.
24 The City grant dollars will be used to pay for certain capital
25 improvements and equipment purchases for the MVRC and to support the
26 Military Spouse Career Readiness Summit (the "Summit").

27 The Summit is a full-day event designed to equip military spouses
28 in Duval County with the entrepreneurial tools, training, and
29 resources needed to pursue business ownership as a viable and flexible
30 career path. This event is tailored to the unique needs of military
31 spouses and will offer both educational sessions and opportunities

1 for participants to connect with local, state and federal resources
2 that support business formation and growth. The City funds will
3 offset various costs UNF will incur to host this event including
4 venue and audio-visual equipment rental, marketing and outreach,
5 preparation/printing of materials and handouts, and professional
6 service fees for two keynote speakers.

7 The remainder of the City funds will be used to purchase various
8 equipment for the MVRC and to make improvements to the MVRC kitchen.
9 Specifically, the funds will be used to purchase two interactive
10 electronic whiteboards for installation in the main area and a private
11 study room as well as equipment and appliances for the MVRC kitchen
12 where military-connected students have access to free refreshments
13 throughout the day. A portion of the City funds will also be used
14 to purchase a golf cart to transport disabled and mobility-challenged
15 veterans and military-connected students around the MVRC campus.

16 **Section 3. Approval and Authorization to Execute.** There is
17 hereby approved, and the Mayor, or her designee, and the Corporation
18 Secretary are hereby authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of
19 the City a grant agreement with University of North Florida in an
20 amount not-to-exceed \$53,490, subject to the Term Sheet and Budget
21 more particularly described in **Revised Exhibit 2**, for a term
22 commencing on November 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026, and all
23 other contracts and documents, including extensions, renewals and
24 amendments to the agreement, and to otherwise take all action
25 necessary to effectuate the intent of this Ordinance, subject to
26 appropriate legal review and approval by the General Counsel, or his
27 or her designee, and the City's Risk Management Division for
28 appropriate insurance and indemnification requirements in accordance
29 with Section 128.601, *Ordinance Code*.

30 **Section 4. Oversight Department.** The Grants and Contract
31 Compliance Division of the Finance Department shall oversee the

1 project described herein.

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

5
6 Form Approved:

7
8 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

9 Office of General Counsel

10 Legislation Prepared By: Mary E. Staffopoulos

11 GC-#1730265-v1-2025-870-E.docx