

1 Introduced by Council Member White and Co-Sponsored by Council Members  
2 Clark-Murray and Salem:

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5 **ORDINANCE 2024-932-E**

6 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$38,091 FROM A  
7 GENERAL FUND OPERATING SPECIAL COUNCIL  
8 CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT TO THE GENERAL FUND  
9 OPERATING SUBSIDIES AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO PRIVATE  
10 ORG ACCOUNT TO PROVIDE CITY GRANT FUNDING TO  
11 BEN'S PLACE SERVICES INC. ("BEN'S PLACE") FOR  
12 THE LOW-COST TRANSITIONARY DAY PROGRAM (THE  
13 "PROGRAM") AS DESCRIBED HEREIN; WAIVING SECTION  
14 118.107 (NONPROFITS TO RECEIVE FUNDING THROUGH  
15 A COMPETITIVE EVALUATED AWARD PROCESS), PART 1  
16 (GENERAL PROVISIONS), CHAPTER 118 (CITY GRANTS),  
17 *ORDINANCE CODE*, TO ALLOW FOR A DIRECT CONTRACT  
18 WITH BEN'S PLACE; APPROVING, AND AUTHORIZING THE  
19 MAYOR, OR HER DESIGNEE, AND THE CORPORATION  
20 SECRETARY TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER ON BEHALF OF  
21 THE CITY A GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF  
22 JACKSONVILLE AND BEN'S PLACE FOR THE PROGRAM;  
23 PROVIDING FOR OVERSIGHT BY THE GRANTS AND  
24 CONTRACT COMPLIANCE DIVISION OF THE FINANCE  
25 DEPARTMENT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

28 **Section 1. Appropriation.** For the 2024-2025 fiscal year,  
29 within the City's budget, there is hereby appropriated the indicated  
30 sum(s) from the account(s) listed in subsection (a) to the account(s)  
31 listed in subsection (b):

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

3 (a) Appropriated from:

4 See **Exhibit 1** \$38,091

5 (b) Appropriated to:

6 See **Exhibit 1** \$38,091

7 (c) Explanation of Appropriation:

8 The funding above is an appropriation of \$38,091 from a  
9 General Fund Operating Special Council Contingency account  
10 to the General Fund Operating Subsidies and Contributions  
11 to Private Org account to provide a grant to Ben's Place  
12 Services Inc. ("Ben's Place") for the Low-Cost  
13 Transitional Day Program (the "Program") as described  
14 herein.

15 **Section 2. Purpose.** The purpose of the appropriation in  
16 Section 1 is to provide grant funds from the City of Jacksonville to  
17 Ben's Place Services Inc. for the Low-Cost Transitional Day Program  
18 as described in **Exhibit 2**, attached hereto and incorporated herein  
19 by this reference. The Program was designed to provide an opportunity  
20 for adult Duval County residents with disabilities who have timed out  
21 or aged out of high school at the age of 22 to continue to have daily  
22 interaction and social contact with friends and others. Participants  
23 in the Program are able to gather and socialize while they learn life  
24 skills, including proper self-care and hygiene, and to enjoy outdoor  
25 activities, making arts and crafts, and attending special events and  
26 parties. The Program serves a secondary function by also allowing an  
27 opportunity for caregivers to run errands or attend to personal needs  
28 while their disabled loved one is enjoying Program activities. The  
29 City funds will be used to pay a portion of the salary for a Social  
30 Skills Coordinator to help administer the Program and will also help  
31 to offset costs for various office, craft and other supplies for the

1 Program.

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), Part 1 (General Provisions),  
5 Chapter 118 (City Grants), *Ordinance Code*, are hereby waived to allow  
6 for a direct contract with Ben's Place. This waiver is justified  
7 because once a disabled individual is no longer able to attend school,  
8 it can be difficult to find regular programs and services to aid in  
9 continuity of social interaction and life-skills education. Ben's  
10 Place has filled this need by providing such programming to serve  
11 both disabled adults who are no longer in school and their caregivers  
12 for over 20 years.

13       **Section 4. Approval and Authorization to Execute.** There is  
14 hereby approved, and the Mayor, or her designee, and the Corporation  
15 Secretary are hereby authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of  
16 the City a grant agreement with Ben's Place Services Inc. in an amount  
17 not-to-exceed \$38,091, subject to the Term Sheet and Budget more  
18 particularly described in **Exhibit 2**, for a term commencing on October  
19 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025, and all other contracts and  
20 documents, including extensions, renewals and amendments to the  
21 agreement, and to otherwise take all action necessary to effectuate  
22 the intent of this Ordinance, subject to appropriate legal review and  
23 approval by the General Counsel, or his or her designee, and the  
24 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 Contract  
28 Compliance Division of the Finance Department shall oversee the  
29 project described herein.

30       **Section 6. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become  
31 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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