

Introduced by Council Member Lahnen:

ORDINANCE 2025-870

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$53,490 FROM GENERAL FUND OPERATING RESERVES TO THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH FLORIDA - SUBSIDIES AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO OTHER GOVERNMENT ACCOUNT, TO PROVIDE CITY GRANT FUNDING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH FLORIDA ("UNF") FOR THE UNF MILITARY AND VETERANS PROGRAM (THE "PROGRAM") AS DESCRIBED HEREIN; 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 UNF 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 2025-2026 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** \$53,490

(b) Appropriated to:

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

1 (c) Explanation of Appropriation:

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

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

23 The Summit is a full-day event designed to equip military spouses
24 in Duval County with the entrepreneurial tools, training, and
25 resources needed to pursue business ownership as a viable and flexible
26 career path. This event is tailored to the unique needs of military
27 spouses and will offer both educational sessions and opportunities
28 for participants to connect with local, state and federal resources
29 that support business formation and growth. The City funds will
30 offset various costs UNF will incur to host this event including
31 venue and audio-visual equipment rental, marketing and outreach,

1 preparation/printing of materials and handouts, and professional
2 service fees for two keynote speakers.

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

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

26 **Section 4. Oversight Department.** The Grants and Contract
27 Compliance Division of the Finance Department shall oversee the
28 project described herein.

29 **Section 5. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become
30 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
31 without the Mayor's signature.

Form Approved:

/s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

Office of General Counsel

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