

1 Introduced by Council Member White and Co-Sponsored by Council Members
2 Amaro, Arias, Boylan, J. Carlucci, Carlucci, Carrico, Clark-Murray,
3 Diamond, Freeman, Gaffney, Jr., Gay, Howland, Johnson, Lahnen,
4 Miller, Peluso, Pittman and Salem and amended on the Floor of Council:
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7 **ORDINANCE 2024-818-E**

8 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$150,000 FROM THE
9 COUNCIL CONTINGENCY TO THE SUBSIDIES AND
10 CONTRIBUTIONS TO PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS ACCOUNT,
11 TO PROVIDE CITY FUNDING TO THE AMERICAN RED
12 CROSS NORTH FLORIDA REGION (THE "RED CROSS"),
13 FOR POST-DISASTER RELIEF EFFORTS IN DUVAL
14 COUNTY, FLORIDA AS DESCRIBED HEREIN; PROVIDING
15 FOR A REPORT FROM THE RED CROSS; INVOKING THE
16 EXEMPTION IN SECTION 126.108(G) (EXEMPTIONS FROM
17 COMPETITIVE SOLICITATION), PART 1 (GENERAL
18 REGULATIONS; ETHICS AND TRANSPARENCY IN PUBLIC
19 CONTRACTING), CHAPTER 126 (PROCUREMENT CODE),
20 *ORDINANCE CODE*, TO ALLOW FOR A DIRECT CONTRACT
21 WITH THE RED CROSS; WAIVING SECTION 118.107
22 (NONPROFITS TO RECEIVE FUNDING THROUGH A
23 COMPETITIVE EVALUATED AWARD PROCESS), PART 1
24 (GENERAL PROVISIONS), CHAPTER 118 (CITY GRANTS),
25 *ORDINANCE CODE*, TO ALLOW FOR A DIRECT CONTRACT
26 WITH THE RED CROSS; APPROVING, AND AUTHORIZING
27 THE MAYOR, OR HER DESIGNEE, AND THE CORPORATION
28 SECRETARY TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER ON BEHALF OF
29 THE CITY AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF
30 JACKSONVILLE AND AMERICAN RED CROSS NORTH
31 FLORIDA REGION; PROVIDING FOR OVERSIGHT BY THE

1 GRANTS AND CONTRACT COMPLIANCE DIVISION OF THE
2 FINANCE DEPARTMENT; REQUESTING EMERGENCY
3 PASSAGE UPON INTRODUCTION; PROVIDING AN
4 EFFECTIVE DATE.
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6 **WHEREAS**, the American Red Cross was founded in 1881 with a
7 mission dedicated to serving people in need; and

8 **WHEREAS**, in 1900, the American Red Cross received its first
9 congressional charter and was tasked by the federal government to
10 provide services to members of the Armed forces and their families
11 as well as to provide disaster relief in the United States and around
12 the world; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the services and support of the American Red Cross
14 have become vital to residents throughout the United States before
15 and after small and large-scale emergency events and natural
16 disasters; and

17 **WHEREAS**, in the State of Florida and other similarly situated
18 coastal regions of the country, the need for assistance from the
19 American Red Cross and similar organizations is significant during
20 hurricane season; and

21 **WHEREAS**, the American Red Cross North Florida Region serves
22 approximately 3.8 million residents in 35 counties, including Duval
23 County, Florida and surrounding counties, both prior to and after a
24 disaster event; and

25 **WHEREAS**, the State of Florida has recently experienced the
26 effects of Hurricane Helene and efforts to restore its communities
27 have only just begun; now the City of Jacksonville/Duval County and
28 the State of Florida will face another significant weather event when
29 Hurricane Milton reaches its shores; and

30 **WHEREAS**, in recognition of the important services provided by
31 the American Red Cross, and specifically by the American Red Cross

1 North Florida Region to northeast Florida and Duval County, the City
2 desires to provide financial assistance to offset the costs to provide
3 pre- and post-disaster relief services to the residents of Duval
4 County; and

5 **WHEREAS,** the City encourages other government agencies and
6 entities and private organizations to offer financial support to the
7 American Red Cross to provide immediate and vital support to those
8 affected by disaster events; now therefore

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

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

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

16 (a) Appropriated from:

17 See **Exhibit 1** \$150,000

18 (b) Appropriated to:

19 See **Exhibit 1** \$150,000

20 (c) Explanation of Appropriation:

21 The funding above is an appropriation of \$150,000 from the
22 Council Contingency to the Subsidies and Contributions to
23 Private Organizations account, to provide City funds to
24 the American Red Cross North Florida Region ("Red Cross")
25 for pre- and post-disaster relief efforts in Duval County,
26 Florida as described herein.

27 **Section 2. Purpose.** The purpose of the appropriation in
28 Section 1 is to provide funds from the City of Jacksonville to the
29 Red Cross to support its pre- and post-disaster relief efforts in
30 Duval County, Florida. The Red Cross has already extended its efforts
31 throughout the State of Florida to assist those most in need after

1 the devastating impacts of Hurricane Helene. As with the rest of the
2 State, the City of Jacksonville/Duval County is now preparing for
3 Hurricane Milton, and the support and services provided by the
4 American Red Cross will be vital to assist Duval County residents
5 dealing with the aftermath of this storm. Therefore, the City would
6 like to contribute funds to assist in this effort, and encourages
7 other government entities and agencies, local governments and private
8 entities to join the City in support of this organization.

9 The Red Cross will use the City funds appropriated herein for a
10 number of mass care support initiatives to assist Duval County
11 residents and shelters in need of support including, but not limited
12 to, providing heated and shelf-stable meals/food, snacks and water
13 pre- and post-disaster, supplies for shelters, shelter and nursing
14 kits, comfort (personal hygiene) kits, volunteer training materials,
15 financial assistance (as needed), and post landfall emergency
16 supplies, to include clean-up kits.

17 **Section 3. Reporting.** The Red Cross will provide a report
18 on the expenditure of City funds to the City Council within 90 days
19 of expenditure of the City funds. The report shall provide information
20 regarding the number of items/supplies purchased and distributed, the
21 number of persons served or assisted with the City funds, and other
22 information as appropriate to reflect the impact and expenditure of
23 City funds for Duval County residents.

24 **Section 4. Invoking the Exemption in Section 126.108(g),**
25 **Ordinance Code.** The City is hereby authorized to directly procure
26 the professional services of the American Red Cross North Florida
27 Region for disaster-related support to Duval County residents as
28 described herein. Pursuant to Section 126.108(g) (Exemptions from
29 competitive solicitation), Part 1 (General Regulations; Ethics and
30 Transparency in Public Contracting), Chapter 126 (Procurement Code),
31 *Ordinance Code*, such procurement is exempted from competitive

1 solicitation because the supplies or services are to be provided by
2 those specifically prescribed within authorizing legislation. With
3 the exception of the foregoing, all other provisions of Chapter 126,
4 *Ordinance Code*, shall remain in full force and effect.

5 **Section 5. Waiver of Section 118.107, *Ordinance Code*.** The
6 provisions of Section 118.107 (Nonprofits to receive funding through
7 a competitive evaluated award process), Part 1 (General Provisions),
8 Chapter 118 (City Grants), *Ordinance Code*, are hereby waived to allow
9 for a direct contract with the Red Cross. This waiver is justified
10 because the American Red Cross was established to provide disaster
11 relief services and support throughout the United States and around
12 the world. The Red Cross has a well-established network at both the
13 federal and state level to provide these vital services before and
14 immediately after an emergency event or natural disaster. The American
15 Red Cross North Florida Region is uniquely situated to ensure Duval
16 County residents receive vital emergency-relief services immediately
17 after Hurricane Milton and other similar natural disasters affecting
18 Duval County residents.

19 **Section 6. Approval and Authorization to Execute.** There is
20 hereby approved, and the Mayor, or her designee, and the Corporation
21 Secretary are hereby authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of
22 the City an agreement with American Red Cross North Florida Region
23 in an amount not-to-exceed \$150,000 for disaster relief services and
24 support as described herein, and all other contracts and documents,
25 including extensions, renewals and amendments to the agreement, and
26 to otherwise take all action necessary to effectuate the intent of
27 this Ordinance, subject to appropriate legal review and approval by
28 the General Counsel, or his or her designee, and the City's Risk
29 Management Division for appropriate insurance and indemnification
30 requirements in accordance with Section 128.601, *Ordinance Code*.

31 **Section 7. Oversight Department.** The Grants and Contract

1 Compliance Division of the Finance Department shall oversee the
2 project described herein.

3 **Section 8. Requesting Emergency Passage Upon Introduction**
4 **Pursuant to Council Rule 4.901 Emergency.** Emergency passage upon
5 introduction of this legislation is requested. The nature of the
6 emergency is that the City of Jacksonville/Duval County and other
7 Duval County municipalities and their residents are preparing for
8 Hurricane Milton. These funds will be used to directly support post-
9 hurricane disaster relief efforts in Duval County immediately after
10 the storm.

11 **Section 9. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become
12 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
13 without the Mayor's signature.

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15 Form Approved:

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17 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

18 Office of General Counsel

19 Legislation Prepared By: Mary E. Staffopoulos

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