

Introduced by Council Member Peluso:

ORDINANCE 2025-690-E

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$70,000 FROM THE SPECIAL COUNCIL CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT TO THE RIVERSIDE AVONDALE PRESERVATION - SUBSIDIES AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO PRIVATE ORG ACCOUNT TO PROVIDE FUNDING TO RIVERSIDE-AVONDALE PRESERVATION, INC. ("RAP"), FOR THE PRESERVING AND RESTORING THE MERCHANT DISTRICTS OF RIVERSIDE AND AVONDALE PROGRAM (THE "PROGRAM") AS DESCRIBED HEREIN; PROVIDING FOR CARRYOVER TO FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026; WAIVING SECTION 118.107 (NONPROFITS TO RECEIVE FUNDING THROUGH A COMPETITIVE EVALUATED AWARD PROCESS; WAIVER AND DISCLOSURES), PART 1 (GENERAL PROVISIONS), CHAPTER 118 (CITY GRANTS), *ORDINANCE CODE*, TO ALLOW FOR A DIRECT CONTRACT WITH RAP; WAIVING SECTION 118.602 (RESPONSIBILITY), SUBPART A (CULTURAL SERVICE GRANT PROGRAM), PART 6 (CULTURAL SERVICE GRANTS AND ART IN PUBLIC PLACES), CHAPTER 118 (CITY GRANTS), *ORDINANCE CODE*, TO AUTHORIZE AWARD OF THIS FUNDING TO RAP IN ADDITION TO CULTURAL SERVICE GRANT FUNDING THAT HAS BEEN, OR MAY BE, AWARDED BY THE CULTURAL COUNCIL OF GREATER JACKSONVILLE, INC.; APPROVING, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, OR HER DESIGNEE, AND THE CORPORATION SECRETARY TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER ON BEHALF OF THE CITY AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE AND RIVERSIDE-AVONDALE

PRESERVATION, INC. FOR THE PROGRAM; PROVIDING
FOR OVERSIGHT BY THE GRANTS AND CONTRACTS
COMPLIANCE DIVISION OF THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT;
REQUESTING ONE CYCLE EMERGENCY PASSAGE;
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** \$70,000

(b) Appropriated to:

See **Exhibit 1** \$70,000

(c) Explanation of Appropriation:

The funding above is an appropriation of \$70,000 from the
Special Council Contingency account to the Riverside
Avondale Preservation - Subsidies and Contributions to
Private Org account to provide a grant to Riverside-
Avondale Preservation, Inc. ("RAP") for the Preserving and
Restoring the Merchant Districts of Riverside and Avondale
Program (the "Program") as described herein.

Section 2. Purpose. The purpose of the appropriation in
Section 1 is to provide funding from the City of Jacksonville to RAP
for the Program as described in **Exhibit 2**, attached hereto and
incorporated herein by this reference. The Program will involve RAP
working with the various merchant associations and members of the
community in the 5 Points, Parks and King, and Historic Avondale

1 areas to identify public improvements that could be made to these
2 areas to address crime, safety and blight. The City funds will be
3 used to pay for various maintenance and repair activities including
4 litter and waste removal, landscaping, power washing and other
5 improvements to each area, as well as the costs for contractual
6 services, equipment and supplies to support these activities. In
7 addition, a portion of the City funds will be used for supplies to
8 host various public events including the Riverside Arts Market and
9 other events within each area.

10 **Section 3. Carryover.** The funds appropriated herein shall
11 not lapse but shall carryover to Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

12 **Section 4. Waiver of Section 118.107, Ordinance Code.** The
13 provisions of Section 118.107 (Nonprofits to receive funding through
14 a competitive evaluated award process; waiver and disclosures), Part
15 1 (General Provisions), Chapter 118 (City Grants), *Ordinance Code*,
16 are hereby waived to allow for a direct contract with Riverside-
17 Avondale Preservation, Inc. This waiver is justified because RAP
18 maintains long-standing relationships with residents and businesses
19 in the areas it serves and the City funds will allow RAP to continue
20 its mission of creating vibrant, safe areas for people to live, work
21 and play. RAP has provided the Affidavit of Disclosure required by
22 subsection 118.107(b)(2), *Ordinance Code*, attached hereto as **Exhibit**
23 **3**, to accompany this waiver.

24 **Section 5. Waiver of Section 118.602, Ordinance Code.**
25 Section 118.602 (Responsibility), Subpart A (Cultural Service Grant
26 Program), Part 6 (Cultural Service Grants and Art in Public Places),
27 Chapter 118 (City Grants), *Ordinance Code*, is hereby waived to allow
28 RAP to receive the funds appropriated herein in addition to Cultural
29 Service Grant funding that has been, or may be, awarded by the
30 Cultural Council of Greater Jacksonville, Inc.

31 **Section 6. Approval and Authorization to Execute.** There is

1 hereby approved, and the Mayor, or her designee, and the Corporation
2 Secretary are hereby authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of
3 the City an agreement with Riverside-Avondale Preservation, Inc. in
4 an amount not-to-exceed \$70,000, subject to the Term Sheet and Budget
5 more particularly described in **Exhibit 2**, for a term commencing on
6 October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026, and all other contracts
7 and documents, including extensions, renewals and amendments to the
8 agreement, and to otherwise take all action necessary to effectuate
9 the intent of this Ordinance, subject to appropriate legal review and
10 approval by the General Counsel, or his or her designee, and the
11 City's Risk Management Division for appropriate insurance and
12 indemnification requirements in accordance with Section 128.601,
13 *Ordinance Code*.

14 **Section 7. Oversight Department.** The Grants and
15 Contract Compliance Division of the Finance Department shall oversee
16 the project described herein.

17 **Section 8. Requesting One Cycle Emergency Passage Pursuant**
18 **to Council Rule 4.901 Emergency.** One cycle emergency passage of this
19 legislation is requested. The nature of the emergency is that the
20 funds appropriated herein were set aside for Council Member strategic
21 initiatives in Fiscal Year 2024-2025 and will lapse on September 30,
22 2025, if not appropriated within the current fiscal year.

23 **Section 9. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become
24 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
25 without the Mayor's signature.

26 Form Approved:

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28 /s/Mary E. Staffopoulos

29 Office of General Counsel

30 Legislation Prepared By: Mary E. Staffopoulos

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