

Introduced by the Council President at the request of the Mayor and
amended on the Floor of Council:

ORDINANCE 2026-444-E

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$13,900.00 IN GRANT
FUNDING FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN
AND FAMILIES TO THE JACKSONVILLE FIRE AND RESCUE
DEPARTMENT TO SUPPORT THE PURCHASE OF A RIP
CURRENT SIMULATOR; AS INITIATED BY B.T. 26-064;
PROVIDING FOR OVERSIGHT BY THE JACKSONVILLE FIRE
AND RESCUE 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 are hereby appropriated the indicated
sum(s) from the account(s) listed in subsection (a) to the account(s)
listed in subsection (b):

(B.T. 26-064, attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** and incorporated herein
by this reference)

(a) Appropriated from:

See B.T. 26-064	\$13,900.00
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(b) Appropriated to:

See B.T. 26-064	\$13,900.00
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(c) Explanation of Appropriation:

The funding above represents an appropriation of grant
funds from the Florida Department of Children and Families
to the Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department. The Grant
period is from July 1, 2026 through September 30, 2026.
No local match is required.

1 **Section 2. Purpose.** The purpose of the appropriation in
2 Section 1 is to utilize the grant funding from the Florida Department
3 of Children and Families to the Jacksonville Fire and Rescue
4 Department to support the purchase of a rip current simulator. The
5 rip current simulator will enhance operational training for the
6 Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department ("JFRD") while expanding
7 public education on rip current safety. The simulator will be utilized
8 by JFRD Marine Unit personnel, Swift Water Rescue teams, and recruit
9 classes, while also supporting community outreach in partnership with
10 Jacksonville Beach Lifeguards and other coastal stakeholders. Funding
11 includes \$12,750 for equipment and up to \$1,150 for training expenses
12 as detailed in the grant award letter attached hereto as **Exhibit 2**
13 and incorporated herein by this reference. The grant funds are
14 provided as a cost-reimbursement after the purchase of the rip current
15 simulator and completion of at least one training course.

16 **Section 3. Oversight.** The Jacksonville Fire and Rescue
17 Department shall oversee administration of the funding and shall
18 provide oversight of the project described herein.

19 **Section 4. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become
20 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
21 without the Mayor's signature.

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24 Form Approved:

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26 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

27 Office of General Counsel

28 Legislation Prepared By: Ashley Smith

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