

1 Introduced by the Council President at the request of the Mayor and  
2 Co-Sponsored by Council Member Johnson and amended by the  
3 Neighborhoods, Community Services, Public Health and Safety  
4 Committee:

7 **ORDINANCE 2025-528-E**

8 AN ORDINANCE REGARDING THE PUBLIC SERVICE GRANT  
9 MICRO-GRANT PROGRAM GRANTS ALLOCATED BY THE  
10 PUBLIC SERVICE GRANT COUNCIL TO FOSTERING  
11 CONNECTIONS, INC., EMPOWERMENT RESOURCES INC.,  
12 LITTLE HANDS, BIG HEARTS LITTLE PEOPLE'S SERVICE  
13 ORGANIZATION, INC., BORN 2 EXCEL, INC., GIRLS OF  
14 VIRTUE, INC., SUBLIMINAL DREAMZ INC., YOUTH  
15 GIVING BACK SPORTS MENTOR PROGRAM INC., AND  
16 DREAM RELEASE, INC. (COLLECTIVELY, THE  
17 "AGENCIES"), IN FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 IN  
18 ACCORDANCE WITH PART 1 (GENERAL PROVISIONS),  
19 PART 2 (DISBURSEMENT OF CITY GRANTS), PART 3  
20 (ADMINISTRATION OF CITY GRANTS), PART 4  
21 (DISALLOWANCE OF EXPENDITURES) AND PART 5  
22 (LIABILITY AND LOSS OF ENTITLEMENT OR  
23 ELIGIBILITY FOR CITY GRANTS), CHAPTER 118 (CITY  
24 GRANTS), *ORDINANCE CODE*; PROVIDING FORGIVENESS  
25 TO THE AGENCIES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE WITH CHAPTER  
26 118 (CITY GRANTS), *ORDINANCE CODE*, INCLUDING THE  
27 REPORTING REQUIREMENTS IN SECTION 118.201  
28 (RELEASE OF APPROPRIATIONS), *ORDINANCE CODE*;  
29 AUTHORIZING THE COUNCIL AUDITOR TO REMOVE THE  
30 AGENCIES FROM THE CHAPTER 118 NON-COMPLIANCE  
31 LIST; PROVIDING FOR CITY OVERSIGHT BY THE GRANTS

1           AND CONTRACT COMPLIANCE DIVISION OF THE FINANCE  
2           DEPARTMENT; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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4           **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Ordinance 2022-623-E, the City Council  
5 appropriated funds to the Public Service Grant Council (the "PSG  
6 Council") for administration of the Micro-Grant Pilot Program  
7 established in the 2022-2023 Most Vulnerable Persons and Needs  
8 category through Ordinance 2022-214-E.; and

9           **WHEREAS**, micro-grants were awarded in fiscal year 2023-2024 to  
10 Fostering Connections, Inc., Empowerment Resources Inc., Little  
11 Hands, Big Hearts Little People's Service Organization, Inc., Born 2  
12 Excel, Inc., Girls of Virtue, Inc., Subliminal Dreamz Inc., Youth  
13 Giving Back Sports Mentor Program Inc., and Dream Release, Inc.  
14 (collectively, the "Agencies") in accordance with a Request for  
15 Proposal process; and

16           **WHEREAS**, Section 118.201, *Ordinance Code*, requires grant  
17 recipients to provide certain audits and annual reports; and

18           **WHEREAS**, during the fiscal year 2023-2024 micro-grant period,  
19 the Agencies were unable to comply with Section 118.201, *Ordinance*  
20 *Code*, requiring an annual report or audit through no fault of their  
21 own because the deliverables for the first year of the program  
22 consisted of training and mentoring for the Agencies. Because there  
23 was no budget established for first year of the program, the Agencies  
24 were unable to comply with Section 118.201, *Ordinance Code*, and, as  
25 a result, the Agencies were placed on the Council Auditor's Chapter  
26 118, *Ordinance Code*, non-compliance list (the "Non-Compliance List");  
27 and

28           **WHEREAS**, as a consequence of being on the Non-Compliance List,  
29 the Agencies are ineligible to receive future Chapter 118 grants or  
30 disbursements; and

31           **WHEREAS**, the Agencies request that the City Council forgive

the non-compliance described above and any other non-compliance with Chapter 118 in connection with the Micro-Grant Pilot Program that was beyond the control of the Agencies, and authorize the Council Auditor to remove the Agencies from the Non-Compliance List; now therefore

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

**Section 1. Recitals.** The Recitals above are true and correct and incorporated herein by this reference.

**Section 2. Forgiveness of Non-Compliance by Agencies.** The City Council hereby forgives the Agencies for any non-compliance with Chapter 118, *Ordinance Code*, in connection with the Micro-Grant Pilot Program that was beyond the control of the Agencies, including the failure to submit annual reports for the fiscal year 2023-2024 that resulted in the non-compliance with Section 118.201, *Ordinance Code*. For avoidance of doubt, because such non-compliance was beyond the control of the Agencies, the foregoing forgiveness shall be retroactive to the date of any such non-compliance.

**Section 3. Removal from the Non-Compliance List.** The City Council authorizes the Council Auditor to remove the Agencies from the Non-Compliance List for the non-compliance described in Section 2 above.

**Section 4. Oversight Department.** The Grants and Contract Compliance Division of the Finance Department shall cooperate with the Council Auditor as needed to effectuate this Ordinance.

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

1 Form Approved:

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3 /s/Mary E. Staffopoulos

4 Office of General Counsel

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