

1 Introduced by the Council President at the request of the Mayor:  
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4 **ORDINANCE 2026-491**

5 AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING A CONTINUATION GRANT;  
6 PROVIDING FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE COMMUNITY  
7 DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM;  
8 APPROPRIATING \$8,167,262.78 FOR PROGRAM COSTS,  
9 INCLUDING \$7,085,952.00 FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT  
10 OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND  
11 \$1,081,310.78 FROM REPROGRAMMED GRANT FUNDS, AS  
12 INITIATED BY B.T. 27-003; PROVIDING FOR AWARD,  
13 AUTHORIZATION, AND FUNDING, AND FOR THE CITY OF  
14 JACKSONVILLE TO EXECUTE FEDERAL PROGRAM  
15 CONTRACTS FOR CDBG PROGRAM FUNDS, AS APPLICABLE,  
16 TO IMPLEMENT B.T. 27-003; PROVIDING  
17 AUTHORIZATION FOR REALLOCATION OF GRANT FUNDS AS  
18 MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN; PROVIDING  
19 FOR FURTHER COUNCIL ACTION IF REVENUE DIFFERS;  
20 APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, OR HER  
21 DESIGNEE, AND THE CORPORATION SECRETARY TO  
22 EXECUTE AND DELIVER, ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS  
23 RELATED TO THE PROPOSED USES OF GRANT FUNDS  
24 AUTHORIZED HEREIN; APPROVING POSITIONS, AS  
25 INITIATED BY R.C. 27-002; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE  
26 DATE.

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28 **WHEREAS,** the United States Department of Housing and Urban  
29 Development (HUD) annually awards Community Development Block Grant  
30 (CDBG) funds to local governments on a formula basis that the local  
31 government may, in turn, award to qualified organizations to implement

1 the CDBG program; and

2       **WHEREAS**, the goals and objectives of the CDBG program are aimed  
3 at developing viable urban communities by providing decent affordable  
4 housing and a suitable living environment and associated supportive  
5 services to the most vulnerable in our communities, creating jobs  
6 through the expansion and retention of businesses, and expanding  
7 economic opportunities, principally for low and moderate-income  
8 persons and families; and

9       **WHEREAS**, the City of Jacksonville is expected to receive  
10 \$8,167,262.78 in CDBG funds from the United States Department of  
11 Housing and Urban Development on or about October 1, 2026; and

12       **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 34.203, *Ordinance Code*, the  
13 Jacksonville Housing and Community Development Commission (the  
14 "Commission") is designated as the agency responsible for making  
15 recommendations to the Housing and Community Development Division on  
16 all CDBG grant funding awards made to qualified subrecipients for  
17 community development and affordable housing initiatives and related  
18 programs and services; and

19       **WHEREAS**, the Commission has completed its 2026-2027 Universal  
20 Cycle application process and has recommended award of CDBG grant  
21 funding to the various entities, projects and programs described in  
22 B.T. 27-003, attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** and the Schedule of Proposed  
23 Funding detailing the proposed use of CDBG funding, attached hereto  
24 as **Exhibit 2** both of which are incorporated herein by this reference;  
25 now therefore

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

27       **Section 1. Appropriation and Authorization.** There is  
28 hereby appropriated the sum of \$8,167,262.78 in CDBG program grant  
29 funds, including \$7,085,952.00 from HUD and \$1,081,310.78 from  
30 reprogrammed grant funds, for distribution to various award  
31 subrecipients selected pursuant to the Commission's 2026-2027

1 Universal Cycle for community development and affordable housing  
2 initiatives and related programs and services, and to other City  
3 departments as appropriate for the remaining awards, and the City of  
4 Jacksonville is authorized to enter into federal program contracts  
5 as appropriate and expend those funds in accordance with the awards  
6 identified in B.T. 27-003.

7 For the 2026-2027 fiscal year, within the City's budget, there  
8 is hereby appropriated the indicated sum(s) from the account(s) listed  
9 in subsection (a) to the account(s) listed in subsection (b) of B.T.  
10 27-003:

11 (a) Appropriated from:

12 See B.T. 27-003 \$8,167,262.78

13 (b) Appropriated to:

14 See B.T. 27-003 \$8,167,262.78

15 (c) Explanation of Appropriation:

16 The funding above is an appropriation of CDBG program  
17 funding, including \$7,085,952.00 received from HUD and  
18 \$1,081,310.78 from reprogrammed grant funds, and will be  
19 spent on public services, acquisition and rehabilitation  
20 of affordable housing, economic development, public  
21 facilities improvements, the removal of slum and blight,  
22 and any costs associated with administration or delivery  
23 of the CDBG program.

24 **Section 2. Purpose.** The purpose of the appropriation set  
25 forth in Section 1 above is to expend the 2026-2027 available federal  
26 CDBG program income received from HUD, to award federal contracts (as  
27 appropriate) for the CDBG program, and to provide funding to various  
28 qualified organizations in the amounts set forth in B.T. 27-003 and  
29 the Schedule of Proposed Funding.

30 **Section 3. Authorization for Reallocation of Grant Funds.**

31 In the event a sub-recipient is unable or unwilling to accept an

1 award of CDBG funds, the funds may be reallocated to the next eligible  
2 awardee using the same method and criteria normally applied by the  
3 Commission for award of CDBG funds.

4 **Section 4. Further Council Action.** If HUD approves a  
5 different allocation of CDBG grant funds than is appropriated by this  
6 Ordinance, then the Mayor shall submit a supplementary budget to City  
7 Council for approval in accordance with the actual allocation  
8 received.

9 **Section 5. Approval and Authorization to Execute Documents.**  
10 There is hereby approved, and the Mayor, or her designee, and the  
11 Corporation Secretary are hereby authorized to execute and deliver  
12 any and all documents necessary to effectuate the purpose set forth  
13 in Section 2 above.

14 **Section 6. Approval of Positions.** There are hereby  
15 approved the positions more fully described in R.C. 27-002, attached  
16 hereto as **Exhibit 3** and incorporated herein by this reference. Said  
17 positions are fully funded by CDBG grant dollars and will provide  
18 services in support of the CDBG program.

19 **Section 7. 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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23 Form Approved:

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25 /S/ Ashley Smith

26 Office of General Counsel

27 Legislation Prepared By: Joelle J. Dillard

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