

1 Introduced by the Council President at the request of the Mayor:
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4 **ORDINANCE 2022-28**

5 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$493,863 IN AMERICAN
6 RESCUE PLAN ACT PASS-THROUGH GRANT FUNDING
7 AWARDED BY THE STATE OF FLORIDA, DEPARTMENT OF
8 STATE, DIVISION OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION
9 SERVICES, FOR THE "REOPEN AND RECONNECT: FILLING
10 THE CONNECTIVITY GAP" PROGRAM, AS INITIATED BY
11 B.T. 22-037; PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION; PROVIDING
12 FOR OVERSIGHT BY THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE PUBLIC
13 LIBRARY AND THE BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES;
14 REQUESTING EMERGENCY PASSAGE UPON INTRODUCTION;
15 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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17 **BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

18 **Section 1. Appropriation.** For the 2021-2022 fiscal year,
19 within the City's budget, there are hereby appropriated the indicated
20 sum(s) from the account(s) listed in subsection (a) to the account(s)
21 listed in subsection (b):

22 (B.T. 22-037 attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** and incorporated herein by
23 this reference)

- 24 (a) Appropriated from:
25 See B.T. 22-037 \$493,836.00
- 26 (b) Appropriated to:
27 See B.T. 22-037 \$493,836.00

28 (c) Explanation of Appropriation:
29 The funding above represents an appropriation of American
30 Rescue Plan Act pass-through grant funding from the State
31 of Florida, Division of Library and Information Services

1 in the amount of \$493,836 for the "Reopen and Reconnect:
2 Filling the Connectivity Gap" program (Project Number 21-
3 ARPA-14) (the "Program"). These federal grant funds are
4 provided through the Library Services and Technology Act
5 under Florida's long-range plan approved by the Institute
6 of Museum and Library Services. The grant period commenced
7 on September 3, 2021 and will conclude on September 30,
8 2022, by which time all Program tasks must be completed.

9 **Section 2. Purpose.** The purpose of the appropriation in
10 Section 1 is to support the "Reopen and Reconnect: Filling the
11 Connectivity Gap" program for fiscal year 2021-2022. The purpose of
12 the Program is to support the reopening of Duval County's public
13 libraries by mitigating the "connectivity gap" for library customers
14 without reliable internet access or equipment at home and to allow
15 for continued social distancing and minimization of staff contact
16 within library facilities.

17 The grant funds will be used to purchase sixteen self-check
18 machines for smaller urban footprint branches and to facilitate and
19 promote digital inclusion through accessible Wi-Fi, internet hot
20 spots and digital resources for users in the City's five urban library
21 service areas (Eastside, Graham, Main, Brentwood and Westbrook) and
22 at one branch library heavily focused on adult learners (Webb-
23 Wesconnett). The portion of the Program focused on digital inclusion
24 is expected to serve an estimated 64,810 households in the six
25 aforementioned library service areas. The self-check solutions part
26 of the Program will cover an additional six branches with an estimated
27 95,771 households (Argyle, Highlands, Maxville, Murray Hill,
28 University Park, and West).

29 A copy of the DLIS Florida American Rescue Plan Act Grant
30 Agreement Between the State of Florida, Department of State and the
31 City of Jacksonville, for and on behalf of Jacksonville Public Library

1 (Project Number 21-ARPA-14), providing the terms and conditions
2 relative to receipt and expenditure of the grant funds has been placed
3 **On File** with the Office of Legislative Services.

4 **Section 3. Oversight.** The City of Jacksonville Public
5 Library and the Board of Library Trustees shall oversee administration
6 of the grant and the Program described herein.

7 **Section 4. Requesting Emergency Passage Upon Introduction**
8 **Pursuant to Council Rule 4.901.** Emergency passage upon introduction
9 of this Ordinance is requested to ensure all Program tasks,
10 deliverables and expenditures of funds can be completed prior to the
11 conclusion of the grant period on September 30, 2022.

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

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16 Form Approved:

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18 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

19 Office of General Counsel

20 Legislation prepared by: Mary E. Staffopoulos

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