

1 Introduced by the Council President at the request of the Mayor and
2 amended on the floor of Council:

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5 **ORDINANCE 2022-28-E**

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

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

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

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

25 (a) Appropriated from:

26 See B.T. 22-037 \$493,863.00

27 (b) Appropriated to:

28 See B.T. 22-037 \$493,863.00

29 (c) Explanation of Appropriation:

30 The funding above represents an appropriation of American

1 Rescue Plan Act pass-through grant funding from the State
2 of Florida, Division of Library and Information Services
3 in the amount of \$493,863 for the "Reopen and Reconnect:
4 Filling the Connectivity Gap" program (Project Number 21-
5 ARPA-14) (the "Program"). These federal grant funds are
6 provided through the Library Services and Technology Act
7 under Florida's long-range plan approved by the Institute
8 of Museum and Library Services. The grant period commenced
9 on September 3, 2021 and will conclude on September 30,
10 2022, by which time all Program tasks must be completed.

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

19 The grant funds will be used to purchase sixteen self-check
20 machines for smaller urban footprint branches and to facilitate and
21 promote digital inclusion through accessible Wi-Fi, internet hot
22 spots and digital resources for users in the City's five urban library
23 service areas (Eastside, Graham, Main, Brentwood and Westbrook) and
24 at one branch library heavily focused on adult learners (Webb-
25 Wesconnett). The portion of the Program focused on digital inclusion
26 is expected to serve an estimated 64,810 households in the six
27 aforementioned library service areas. The self-check solutions part
28 of the Program will cover an additional six branches with an estimated
29 95,771 households (Argyle, Highlands, Maxville, Murray Hill,
30 University Park, and West).

31 A copy of the DLIS Florida American Rescue Plan Act Grant

1 Agreement Between the State of Florida, Department of State and the
2 City of Jacksonville, for and on behalf of Jacksonville Public Library
3 (Project Number 21-ARPA-14), providing the terms and conditions
4 relative to receipt and expenditure of the grant funds has been placed
5 **On File** with the Office of Legislative Services.

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

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

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

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18 Form Approved:

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20 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

21 Office of General Counsel

22 Legislation prepared by: Mary E. Staffopoulos

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