

1 Introduced by the Council Member Gaffney:
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4 **ORDINANCE 2022-619**

5 AN ORDINANCE MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS AND
6 APPROPRIATING \$3,000,000 IN CORONAVIRUS FISCAL
7 RECOVERY FUNDS FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF
8 TREASURY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICAN RESCUE
9 PLAN ACT OF 2021 (THE "ARP ACT") TO SUPPORT
10 CONTINUED COVID-19 RESPONSE EFFORTS FOR
11 RESIDENTS OF JACKSONVILLE AND TO PROVIDE
12 ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR ELIGIBLE, QUALIFIED
13 RECIPIENTS OF THE RISE UP MINIGRANT PROGRAM;
14 AUTHORIZING DISBURSEMENTS OF ARP ACT FUNDING
15 INCLUDING: (1) \$1,000,000 PLACED IN A
16 CONTINGENCY TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR
17 THE SAFETY AND CRIME REDUCTION COMMISSION TO
18 AWARD ELIGIBLE, QUALIFIED RECIPIENTS AWARDS
19 UNDER THE RISE UP MINIGRANT PROGRAM (2)
20 \$1,000,000 FOR RENTAL/MORTGAGE (SHELTER)
21 ASSISTANCE THROUGH THE EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE
22 PROGRAM AND (3) \$1,000,000 FOR UTILITIES
23 ASSISTANCE THROUGH THE EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE
24 PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR CARRYOVER OF FUNDS FROM
25 YEAR TO YEAR UNTIL SUCH FUNDS ARE EXPENDED OR
26 LAPSE, AND PROVIDING THAT ANY ARP ACT FUNDING
27 NOT EXPENDED PURSUANT TO THIS ORDINANCE BY
28 SEPTEMBER 30, 2024, EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED
29 HEREIN, SHALL REVERT TO THE FUND(S) OF ORIGIN
30 FOR REAPPROPRIATION FOR AUTHORIZED EXPENDITURES
31 UNDER THE TERMS OF THE ARP ACT; PROVIDING FOR

1 OVERSIGHT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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3 **WHEREAS**, the Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (“COVID-19”) was
4 first discovered in the United States in January 2020 and since that
5 time this severe, acute respiratory illness has infected millions and
6 killed hundreds of thousands of Americans; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic have been severe
8 and far-reaching, affecting all facets of the American economy and
9 daily life, resulting in the highest national unemployment rates in
10 over 70 years, creating food and housing insecurity for a significant
11 portion of the population, and leading to economic harm and disruption
12 to businesses of all sizes and to governments at all levels; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the United States federal government recognizes that
14 state, territorial, tribal and local governments continue to be called
15 on to respond to COVID-19 and the lasting effects of this pandemic
16 at an immense scale, including launching major efforts to address the
17 economic impacts of the pandemic as efficiently as possible in a
18 manner that is tailored to meet the specific needs of each community;
19 and

20 **WHEREAS**, on March 11, 2021, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021
21 (the “ARP Act”) was signed into law and provided for the distribution
22 of Coronavirus relief, fiscal recovery, and critical capital projects
23 funds to state, territorial, tribal and local governments of the
24 United States; and

25 **WHEREAS**, the ARP Act provides that these funds may be used for
26 various projects and purposes that include: efforts to respond to the
27 COVID-19 public health emergency and its negative economic impacts,
28 including, but not limited to, assistance to households, small
29 businesses, and non-profits; and

30 **WHEREAS**, the City of Jacksonville (the “City”) recognizes that
31 quick and efficient distribution of these ARP Act funds will further

1 bolster the City's efforts to rebuild and recover the local economy;
2 and

3 **WHEREAS**, in 2021 the City appropriated an initial allocation of
4 American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 funds from the U.S. Department of
5 Treasury in the total amount of \$171,847,895 by Ordinances 2021-463-
6 E and 2021-516-E; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the Council desires to appropriate a portion of the
8 second disbursement of local fiscal recovery funds from the U.S.
9 Department of Treasury in the amount of \$3,000,000 in accordance with
10 the ARP Act for the various purposes as more fully set forth herein;
11 now therefore

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

13 **Section 1. Findings.** It is hereby ascertained, determined,
14 found and declared as follows:

15 (a) The recitals set forth herein are true and correct.

16 (b) The disbursements of funds and actions authorized hereby
17 will provide economic relief that encourages recovery of the local
18 economy and benefits the health, safety and welfare of the citizens
19 of Duval County.

20 (c) The distribution of ARP Act funds as set forth herein is
21 necessary and appropriate, and is reasonable and not excessive, taking
22 into account the extent of the public benefits expected to be derived
23 to residents from the emergency assistance program, to businesses and
24 non-profits through the migrant program, and other relief
25 authorized hereby, and taking into account all other forms of economic
26 assistance available.

27 (d) The authorizations provided by this Ordinance are for
28 public uses and purposes for which the City may use its powers as a
29 county, municipality and as a political subdivision of the State of
30 Florida to expend public funds, and the necessity in the public
31 interest for the provisions herein enacted is hereby declared as a

1 matter of legislative determination.

2 (e) This Ordinance is adopted pursuant to the provisions of
3 Chapters 163, 166 and 125, Florida Statutes, as amended, the City's
4 Charter, and other applicable provisions of law.

5 **Section 2. Appropriation.** For the 2021-2022 fiscal year,
6 within the City's budget, there are hereby appropriated the indicated
7 sum(s) from the account(s) listed in subsection (a) to the account(s)
8 listed in subsection (b):

9 (Attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** and incorporated herein by this
10 reference)

11 (a) Appropriated from:

12 See **Exhibit 1** \$3,000,000

13 (b) Appropriated to:

14 See **Exhibit 1** \$3,000,000

15 (c) **Explanation of Appropriation:**

16 The funding appropriated above represents a portion of the
17 \$171,847,895.50 in additional Coronavirus relief, fiscal
18 recovery, and critical capital projects funds received by
19 the City from the federal government pursuant to the
20 American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (the "ARP Act"). These
21 funds will be used to support continued COVID-19 response
22 efforts and to assist with continued economic recovery and
23 stabilization efforts.

24 **Section 3. Purpose.** The purpose of the appropriation in
25 Section 2 is to disburse a small portion of the second tranche of ARP
26 Act local fiscal recovery funds as follows: (1) \$1,000,000 to be
27 placed in a contingency for additional funding for the Safety and
28 Crime Reduction Commission for awards to eligible, qualified entities
29 who participated in the Rise Up Migrant Program; (2) \$1,000,000 for
30 rental/mortgage (shelter) assistance through the Parks, Recreation
31 and Community Services Department Emergency Assistance Program

1 administered by the Social Services Division; and (3) \$1,000,000 for
2 utilities assistance through the Parks, Recreation and Community
3 Services Department Emergency Assistance Program administered by the
4 Social Services Division.

5 **Section 4. Carryover.** The funds appropriated herein shall
6 not lapse but shall carryover as appropriated from year to year until
7 such funds are expended. Funds appropriated in this Ordinance must
8 be expended before September 30, 2024. Failure to do so will cause
9 said funds to revert to the account(s) of origin for reappropriation
10 for authorized expenditures under the terms of the ARP Act, subject
11 to Council approval.

12 **Section 5. Oversight Department.** The Finance and
13 Administration Department shall provide general oversight of the
14 distribution and expenditure of the ARP Act funds. The Social Services
15 Division of the Parks and Recreation Department shall oversee and
16 coordinate the expenditure of the ARP Act funds appropriated for the
17 Emergency Assistance Program for rent, mortgage and utilities for
18 impacted citizens. Upon recommendation of awards by the Safety and
19 Crime Reduction Commission to qualified, eligible entities pursuant
20 to the Rise Up Minigrant Program, the Council shall approve through
21 separate legislation the awards which meet program guidelines to
22 qualified, eligible entites.

23 **Section 6. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become
24 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
25 without the Mayor's signature.

26 Form Approved:

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29 Office of General Counsel

30 Legislation prepared by: Paige H. Johnston

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