

1 Introduced by the Council President at the request of the Mayor:
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4 **ORDINANCE 2023-26**

5 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING GRANT FUNDS IN THE
6 AMOUNT OF \$400,000.00 FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT
7 OF JUSTICE, OFFICE FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME (THE
8 "GRANT"), TO FUND THE 2022 JAX VICTIM SERVICES
9 GRANT, A NEW ITERATION OF THE ACCESSJAX
10 COMMUNITY COLLABORATION PROJECT, TO BE USED FOR
11 IMPROVING AND EXPANDING THE AVAILABILITY OF
12 ACCESSIBLE VICTIM-CENTERED, TRAUMA-INFORMED
13 SERVICES FOR CERTAIN VICTIMS OF CRIME, AS
14 INITIATED BY B.T. 23-018; PROVIDING FOR
15 CARRYOVER OF FUNDS; AUTHORIZING A SOCIAL
16 SERVICES SPECIALIST POSITION WITHIN THE
17 JACKSONVILLE SHERIFF'S OFFICE, AS INITIATED BY
18 R.C. 23-050; APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE
19 MAYOR, OR HIS DESIGNEE, AND THE CORPORATION
20 SECRETARY TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER AGREEMENTS WITH
21 TWO OF THE CITY'S SUB-GRANTEES, OPPORTUNITY
22 DEVELOPMENT, INC. D/B/A CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT
23 LIVING JACKSONVILLE AND HUBBARD HOUSE, INC., FOR
24 THE PROVISION OF SERVICES FOR THE ACCESSJAX
25 COMMUNITY COLLABORATION PROJECT; INVOKING THE
26 EXEMPTION IN SECTION 126.107(G), *ORDINANCE CODE*,
27 TO ALLOW FOR DIRECT CONTRACTS WITH CENTER FOR
28 INDEPENDENT LIVING JACKSONVILLE AND HUBBARD
29 HOUSE, INC.; WAIVING SECTION 118.107 (NONPROFITS
30 TO RECEIVE FUNDING THROUGH A COMPETITIVE
31 EVALUATED AWARD PROCESS), *ORDINANCE CODE*;

1 PROVIDING FOR CITY OVERSIGHT BY THE PARKS,
2 RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT,
3 SOCIAL SERVICES DIVISION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE
4 DATE.

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

7 **Section 1. Appropriation.** For the 2022-2023 fiscal year,
8 within the City's budget, there is hereby appropriated the indicated
9 sum(s) from the account(s) listed in subsection (a) to the account(s)
10 listed in subsection (b):

11 (B.T. 23-018 attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** and incorporated herein by
12 this reference)

13 (a) Appropriated from:

14 See B.T. 23-018 \$400,000.00

15 (b) Appropriated to:

16 See B.T. 23-018 \$400,000.00

17 (c) Explanation of Appropriation

18 The funding above is an appropriation of grant funds from
19 the U.S. Department of Justice, Office for Victims of Crime
20 (the "Grant"), to fund the 2022 JAX Victim Services Grant,
21 a new iteration of the AccessJax Community Collaboration
22 project ("AccessJax"), for the purpose of improving and
23 expanding the availability of accessible victim-centered,
24 trauma-informed services to certain victims of crime. The
25 funds will be disbursed to three sub-grantees providing
26 services in support of this project as follows: (1)
27 \$199,811.96 to Opportunity Development, Inc. d/b/a Center
28 for Independent Living Jacksonville ("CIL Jax"), (2)
29 \$66,957.04 to Hubbard House, Inc., and (3) \$128,781.00 to
30 the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office. The remaining \$4,450.00
31 will be retained by the Social Services Division to cover

1 travel expenses related to the project. The Grant period
2 commenced on October 1, 2022 and continues through
3 September 30, 2024. No local match is required.

4 **Section 2. Purpose.** The purpose of the appropriation in
5 Section 1 is to fund the 2022 JAX Victim Services Grant for
6 development of a new iteration of AccessJax. The primary purpose of
7 the JAX Victim Services Grant is to fund programs that remove barriers
8 that may prevent individuals from reporting crimes and accessing
9 supportive services when they are harmed. This new iteration of
10 AccessJax is aimed at improving and expanding the availability of
11 accessible victim-centered, trauma-informed services for crime
12 victims who are disabled, deaf, hard-of-hearing, limited English
13 proficient, blind, and/or visually impaired. This project is a
14 collaboration between the City (as the primary grantee of the Grant)
15 and three sub-grantees: the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office, CIL Jax,
16 and Hubbard House, Inc. A copy of the 2022 OVC FY 2022 Enhancing
17 Access to Victims Services Grant Award Letter (Federal Grant Award
18 No. 15POVC-22-GK-04371-NONF) is attached hereto as **Exhibit 2** and
19 incorporated herein by this reference (the "Grant").

20 **Section 3. Carryover.** The funds appropriated by this
21 Ordinance shall not lapse but shall carryover to September 30, 2024.

22 **Section 4. Authorization of Position.** There is hereby
23 authorized the Social Services Specialist position in the
24 Jacksonville Sherrif's Office as more fully described in R.C. 23-050,
25 attached hereto as **Exhibit 3** and incorporated herein by this
26 reference.

27 **Section 5. Agreements Approved and Execution Authorized.**
28 There is hereby approved, and the Mayor, or his designee, and the
29 Corporation Secretary are hereby authorized to execute and deliver,
30 for and on behalf of the City, an agreement with Opportunity
31 Development, Inc. d/b/a Center for Independent Living Jacksonville

1 in a not-to-exceed amount of \$199,811.96, and an agreement with
2 Hubbard House, Inc. in a not-to-exceed amount of \$66,957.04 for the
3 provision of services in support of AccessJax in substantially the
4 same form attached hereto as **Exhibit 4** and incorporated herein by
5 this reference and in accordance with the Budget and Budget Narrative
6 attached hereto as **Exhibit 5** and with the terms and conditions of the
7 Grant. The agreements may include such additions, deletions and
8 changes as may be reasonable, necessary and acceptable to the Mayor,
9 or his designee, with such inclusion and acceptance being evidenced
10 by execution of the Agreement by the Mayor, or his designee; provided
11 however, no modification to the agreements may increase the financial
12 obligations or liability of the City to an amount in excess of the
13 amount stated in each agreement or decrease the duties and obligations
14 of CIL or Hubbard House, Inc., respectively, as stated in the
15 agreements, and any such modifications shall be technical only and
16 shall be subject to appropriate legal review and approval by the
17 Office of General Counsel. For the purposes of this Ordinance, the
18 term "technical changes" is defined as those changes having no
19 financial impact to the City, changes required for compliance with
20 the terms and conditions of the Grant and/or applicable federal rules,
21 regulations or policies, and any other non-substantive changes that
22 do not substantively increase the duties and responsibilities of the
23 City under the provisions of the agreements.

24 **Section 6. Invoking the Exemption in Section 126.107(g),**
25 **Ordinance Code.** The City is hereby authorized to enter into direct
26 agreements, as authorized herein, with Opportunity Development, Inc.
27 d/b/a Center for Independent Living Jacksonville and Hubbard House,
28 Inc. for the provision of services in support of AccessJax. Pursuant
29 to Section 126.107(g) (Exemptions), Part 1 (General Regulations),
30 Chapter 126 (Procurement Code), *Ordinance Code*, such procurement is
31 exempted from competitive solicitation because the supplies or

1 services are to be provided by those specifically prescribed within
2 the authorizing legislation that appropriates the same. With the
3 exception of the foregoing, all other provisions of Chapter 126,
4 *Ordinance Code*, shall remain in full force and effect.

5 **Section 7. Waiver of Section 118.107 (Nonprofits to receive**
6 **funding through a competitive evaluated award process), Part 1**
7 **(General Provisions), Chapter 118 (City Grants), *Ordinance Code*.** The
8 provisions of Section 118.107 (Nonprofits to receive funding through
9 a competitive evaluated award process), Part 1 (General Provisions),
10 Chapter 118 (City Grants), *Ordinance Code*, are hereby waived to allow
11 for direct contracts with CIL Jax and Hubbard House, Inc. The City
12 finds that both non-profit organizations are uniquely situated to
13 provide services in support of AccessJax as they already have the
14 personnel and infrastructure in place to provide the services.

15 **Section 8. Oversight.** The Parks, Recreation and Community
16 Services Department, Social Services Division, shall oversee and
17 administer the project described herein.

18 **Section 9. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become
19 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
20 without the Mayor's signature.

21 Form Approved:

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23 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

24 Office of General Counsel

25 Legislation prepared by: Mary E. Staffopoulos

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