

1 Introduced by the Council President at the request of the Mayor and
2 Co-Sponsored by Council Members Clark-Murray and Gaffney, Jr. and
3 amended by the Neighborhoods, Community Services, Public Health and
4 Safety Committee:
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7 **ORDINANCE 2023-26-E**

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

HOUSE, INC.; WAIVING SECTION 118.107 (NONPROFITS TO RECEIVE FUNDING THROUGH A COMPETITIVE EVALUATED AWARD PROCESS), ORDINANCE CODE; PROVIDING FOR CITY OVERSIGHT BY THE PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT, SOCIAL SERVICES DIVISION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

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

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

(a) Appropriated from:

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

(b) Appropriated to:

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

(c) Explanation of Appropriation

The funding above is an appropriation of grant funds from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office for Victims of Crime (the "Grant"), to fund the 2022 JAX Victim Services Grant, a new iteration of the AccessJax Community Collaboration project ("AccessJax"), for the purpose of improving and expanding the availability of accessible victim-centered, trauma-informed services to certain victims of crime. The funds will be disbursed to three sub-grantees providing services in support of this project as follows: (1) \$199,811.96 to Opportunity Development, Inc. d/b/a Center for Independent Living Jacksonville ("CIL Jax"), (2)

1 \$66,957.04 to Hubbard House, Inc., and (3) \$128,781.00 to
2 the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office. The remaining \$4,450.00
3 will be retained by the Social Services Division to cover
4 travel expenses related to the project. The Grant period
5 commenced on October 1, 2022 and continues through
6 September 30, 2024. No local match is required.

7 **Section 2. Purpose.** The purpose of the appropriation in
8 Section 1 is to fund the 2022 JAX Victim Services Grant for
9 development of a new iteration of AccessJax. The primary purpose of
10 the JAX Victim Services Grant is to fund programs that remove barriers
11 that may prevent individuals from reporting crimes and accessing
12 supportive services when they are harmed. This new iteration of
13 AccessJax is aimed at improving and expanding the availability of
14 accessible victim-centered, trauma-informed services for crime
15 victims who are disabled, deaf, hard-of-hearing, limited English
16 proficient, blind, and/or visually impaired. This project is a
17 collaboration between the City (as the primary grantee of the Grant)
18 and three sub-grantees: the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office, CIL Jax,
19 and Hubbard House, Inc. A copy of the 2022 OVC FY 2022 Enhancing
20 Access to Victims Services Grant Award Letter (Federal Grant Award
21 No. 15POVC-22-GK-04371-NONF) is attached hereto as **Revised Exhibit 2**,
22 labeled as "Revised Exhibit 2, Rev Award Letter, February 6, 2023 -
23 NCSPHS" and incorporated herein by this reference (the "Grant").

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

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

31 **Section 5. Agreements Approved and Execution Authorized.**

1 There is hereby approved, and the Mayor, or his designee, and the
2 Corporation Secretary are hereby authorized to execute and deliver,
3 for and on behalf of the City, an agreement with Opportunity
4 Development, Inc. d/b/a Center for Independent Living Jacksonville
5 in a not-to-exceed amount of \$199,811.96, and an agreement with
6 Hubbard House, Inc. in a not-to-exceed amount of \$66,957.04 for the
7 provision of services in support of AccessJax in substantially the
8 same form attached hereto as **Revised Exhibit 4**, labeled as "Revised
9 Exhibit 4, Rev Agmt, February 6, 2023 - NCSPHS" and incorporated
10 herein by this reference and in accordance with the Budget and Budget
11 Narrative attached hereto as **Revised Exhibit 5**, labeled as "Revised
12 Exhibit 5, Rev Grant Budget, February 6, 2023 - NCSPHS" and with the
13 terms and conditions of the Grant. The agreements may include such
14 additions, deletions and changes as may be reasonable, necessary and
15 acceptable to the Mayor, or his designee, with such inclusion and
16 acceptance being evidenced by execution of the Agreement by the Mayor,
17 or his designee; provided however, no modification to the agreements
18 may increase the financial obligations or liability of the City to
19 an amount in excess of the amount stated in each agreement or decrease
20 the duties and obligations of CIL or Hubbard House, Inc.,
21 respectively, as stated in the agreements, and any such modifications
22 shall be technical only and shall be subject to appropriate legal
23 review and approval by the Office of General Counsel. For the
24 purposes of this Ordinance, the term "technical changes" is defined
25 as those changes having no financial impact to the City, changes
26 required for compliance with the terms and conditions of the Grant
27 and/or applicable federal rules, regulations or policies, and any
28 other non-substantive changes that do not substantively increase the
29 duties and responsibilities of the City under the provisions of the
30 agreements.

31 **Section 6. Invoking the Exemption in Section 126.107(g),**

1 **Ordinance Code.** The City is hereby authorized to enter into Grant
2 Program agreements, as authorized herein, with Opportunity
3 Development, Inc. d/b/a Center for Independent Living Jacksonville
4 and Hubbard House, Inc. for the provision of services in support of
5 AccessJax. Pursuant to Section 126.107(g) (Exemptions), Part 1
6 (General Regulations), Chapter 126 (Procurement Code), *Ordinance*
7 *Code*, such procurement is exempted from competitive solicitation
8 because the supplies or services are to be provided by those
9 specifically prescribed within the authorizing legislation that
10 appropriates the same. With the exception of the foregoing, all
11 other provisions of Chapter 126, *Ordinance Code*, shall remain in full
12 force and effect.

13 **Section 7. Waiver of Section 118.107 (Nonprofits to receive**
14 **funding through a competitive evaluated award process), Part 1**
15 **(General Provisions), Chapter 118 (City Grants), *Ordinance Code*.** The
16 provisions of Section 118.107 (Nonprofits to receive funding through
17 a competitive evaluated award process), Part 1 (General Provisions),
18 Chapter 118 (City Grants), *Ordinance Code*, are hereby waived to allow
19 for direct contracts with CIL Jax and Hubbard House, Inc. CIL Jax and
20 Hubbard House, Inc. were identified as partner agencies in the grant
21 application to the U.S. Department of Justice. The City finds that
22 both non-profit organizations are uniquely situated to provide
23 services in support of AccessJax as they already have the personnel
24 and infrastructure in place to provide the services.

25 **Section 8. Oversight.** The Parks, Recreation and Community
26 Services Department, Social Services Division, shall oversee and
27 administer the project described herein.

28 **Section 9. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become
29 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
30 without the Mayor's signature.

1 Form Approved:

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3 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

4 Office of General Counsel

5 Legislation prepared by: Mary E. Staffopoulos

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