

1 Introduced by Council Member Boylan:
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4 **ORDINANCE 2023-803**

5 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$1,000,000 FROM A
6 DESIGNATED SPECIAL COUNCIL CONTINGENCY TO THE
7 SUBSIDIES AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO PRIVATE
8 ORGANIZATIONS ACCOUNT TO PROVIDE FUNDING TO
9 UNITED WAY OF NORTHEAST FLORIDA, INC. ("UNITED
10 WAY") FOR THE EVICTION DIVERSION PROGRAM
11 DESCRIBED HEREIN; PROVIDING FOR CARRYOVER OF
12 FUNDS TO FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025; INVOKING THE
13 EXEMPTION IN SECTION 126.107(G) (EXEMPTIONS),
14 PART 1 (GENERAL REGULATIONS), CHAPTER 126
15 (PROCUREMENT CODE), *ORDINANCE CODE*, TO ALLOW FOR
16 A DIRECT CONTRACT WITH UNITED WAY; WAIVING
17 SECTION 118.107 (NONPROFITS TO RECEIVE FUNDING
18 THROUGH A COMPETITIVE EVALUATED AWARD PROCESS),
19 PART 1 (GENERAL PROVISIONS), CHAPTER 118 (CITY
20 GRANTS), *ORDINANCE CODE*, TO ALLOW FOR A DIRECT
21 CONTRACT WITH UNITED WAY; APPROVING, AND
22 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, OR HER DESIGNEE, AND THE
23 CORPORATION SECRETARY TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER ON
24 BEHALF OF THE CITY AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY
25 OF JACKSONVILLE AND UNITED WAY OF NORTHEAST
26 FLORIDA, INC. FOR THE EVICTION DIVERSION
27 PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR OVERSIGHT BY THE GRANTS
28 AND CONTRACTS COMPLIANCE DIVISION OF THE FINANCE
29 AND ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT; PROVIDING AN
30 EFFECTIVE DATE.
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1 **BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

2 **Section 1. Appropriation.** For the 2023-2024 fiscal year,
3 within the City's budget, there is hereby appropriated the indicated
4 sum(s) from the account(s) listed in subsection (a) to the account(s)
5 listed in subsection (b):

6 (The account information is attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** and
7 incorporated herein by this reference)

8 (a) Appropriated from:
9 See **Exhibit 1** \$1,000,000

10 (b) Appropriated to:
11 See **Exhibit 1** \$1,000,000

12 (c) Explanation of Appropriation:
13 The funding above is an appropriation of \$1,000,000 from a
14 Designated Special Council Contingency account to the
15 Subsidies and Contributions to Private Organizations
16 account to provide funding to United Way of Northeast
17 Florida, Inc. ("United Way") for the Eviction Diversion
18 Program (the "Program").

19 **Section 2. Purpose.** The purpose of the appropriation in
20 Section 1 is to provide funding from the City of Jacksonville to
21 United Way for eviction diversion services to eligible households in
22 Duval County. United Way, in coordination with Jewish Family and
23 Community Services, Jacksonville Area Legal Aid and the Fourth
24 Judicial Circuit Court, will administer the Program and will serve
25 as a primary referral source for families facing eviction. United Way
26 will also coordinate with Program partners and other community
27 providers to recruit landlords to reach out proactively when they
28 have families facing eviction due to temporary loss of income or a
29 temporary increase in expenses. United Way will also monitor the
30 impact and success of the Program and provide reports regarding same
31 to the City Council.

1 An integral part of the Program will entail employing two
2 dedicated facilitators (funded through other program dollars) that
3 will work closely with both landlords and the Courts to quickly
4 identify eviction cases, both pre-suit and after litigation has been
5 filed, that meet the eligibility criteria to receive assistance as
6 outlined in **Exhibit 2**, attached hereto and incorporated herein by
7 this reference. The Program will provide assistance to eligible
8 households in Duval County who are delinquent of payment of rent,
9 certain utilities and/or home energy costs due on or after November
10 1, 2023, resulting in the potential for non-payment notice and filing
11 of an eviction in Duval County. In addition to the other criteria
12 outlined in **Exhibit 2**, qualified households must show proof that the
13 total household income is equal to or below the ALICE (Asset Limited,
14 Income Constrained, Employed) threshold based on household
15 composition. Finally, to receive funds through the Program the
16 recipient(s) must also clearly demonstrate their ability to
17 financially remain self-sufficient after eviction diversion funds are
18 disbursed.

19 **Section 3. Carryover.** The funds appropriated by this
20 Ordinance shall not lapse but shall carryover to fiscal year 2024-
21 2025.

22 **Section 4. Invoking the Exemption in Section 126.107(g),**
23 **Ordinance Code.** The City is hereby authorized to directly procure
24 the professional services of United Way of Northeast Florida, Inc.
25 for the provision of eviction diversion services. Pursuant to Section
26 126.107(g) (Exemptions), Part 1 (General Regulations), Chapter 126
27 (Procurement Code), *Ordinance Code*, such procurement is exempted from
28 competitive solicitation because the supplies or services are to be
29 provided by those specifically prescribed within authorizing
30 legislation that appropriates the same. With the exception of the
31 foregoing, all other provisions of Chapter 126, *Ordinance Code*, shall

1 remain in full force and effect.

2 **Section 5. Waiver of Section 118.107, Ordinance Code.** The
3 provisions of Section 118.107 (Nonprofits to receive funding through
4 a competitive evaluated award process), Part 1 (General Provisions),
5 Chapter 118 (City Grants), *Ordinance Code*, are hereby waived to allow
6 for a direct contract with United Way of Northeast Florida, Inc.
7 United Way is uniquely situated to provide the services described
8 herein, as a significant number of calls (approximately 65,000)
9 received through United Way's 2-1-1 help line are from residents
10 seeking rent and utility assistance. In addition, United Way
11 previously worked with the City to distribute federal emergency rent
12 and utility assistance dollars to qualified households in Duval
13 County. United Way also has existing partnerships with other providers
14 in Duval County who can assist in ensuring these dollars are
15 distributed efficiently and to those most in need.

16 **Section 6. Approval and Authorization to Execute.** There is
17 hereby approved, and the Mayor, or her designee, and the Corporation
18 Secretary are hereby authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of
19 the City an agreement with United Way of Northeast Florida, Inc. in
20 an amount not-to-exceed \$1,000,000, subject to the Scope of Services
21 and Budget more particularly described in **Exhibit 2**, for a term
22 commencing on January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024, and all
23 other contracts and documents, including extensions, renewals and
24 amendments to the agreement, and to otherwise take all action
25 necessary to effectuate the intent of this Ordinance, subject to
26 appropriate legal review and approval by the General Counsel, or his
27 or her designee, and the City's Risk Management Division for
28 appropriate insurance and indemnification requirements in accordance
29 with Section 128.601, *Ordinance Code*.

30 **Section 7. Oversight Department.** The Grants and
31 Contract Compliance Division of the Finance and Administration

1 Department shall oversee the project described herein.

2 **Section 8. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become
3 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
4 without the Mayor's signature.

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6 Form Approved:

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8 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

9 Office of General Counsel

10 Legislation Prepared By: Mary E. Staffopoulos

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