Introduced by Council Member Johnson and Co-Sponsored by Council Members Lahnen, Freeman, Boylan and Carlucci and amended by the Neighborhoods, Community Services, Public Health and Safety Committee:

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7 ORDINANCE 2024-297-E

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$300,000 FROM THE SAFETY & CRIME REDUCTION COMMISSION CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT TO A SUBSIDIES AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS ACCOUNT FOR GRANTS TO BE MADE TO ORGANIZATIONS RECOMMENDED BY THE SAFETY & CRIME REDUCTION COMMISSION; APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CORPORATION SECRETARY TO EXECUTE GRANT AGREEMENTS WITH VARIOUS ENTITIES; INVOKING THE EXEMPTION TO SECTION 126.107(G), ORDINANCE CODE; WAIVING SECTION 118.107, ORDINANCE CODE; WAIVING SECTION 118.201(F)(7), ORDINANCE CODE; WAIVING SECTION 118.301(A)(3)(IV), ORDINANCE CODE, TO ALLOW FOR GRANT FUNDS UP TO A MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF \$2,000 PER GRANTEE TO BE EXPENSED FOR COSTS OF AMUSEMENTS, SOCIAL ACTIVITIES AND INCIDENTAL COSTS RELATING THERETO; PROVIDING FOR OVERSIGHT; REQUESTING ONE CYCLE EMERGENCY PASSAGE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

Section 1. For the 2023-2024 fiscal year, within the City's budget, there are hereby appropriated the indicated sum(s) from the account(s) listed in subsection (a) to the account(s) listed in

subsection (b):

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

(a) Appropriated from:

See Exhibit 1

\$300,000

(b) Appropriated to:

See Exhibit 1

\$300,000

(c) Explanation of Appropriation

The appropriation above provides \$300,000 from the Safety & Crime Reduction Commission Contingency Account to fund grants made to 35 organizations recommended by the Safety & Crime Reduction Commission (the "Commission"). A list of these organizations eligible to receive grant funding approved at the Safety and Crime Reduction Commission meeting on April 1, 2024, and the 65 additional entities which submitted applications but were not approved for funding, is attached hereto as **Exhibit 2**.

Section 2. Purpose. The purpose of the appropriation in Section 1 is to provide grant funding and assistance in the amount of \$8,571 each for up to 35 organizations that have been recommended and approved by the Safety and Crime Reduction Commission as organizations that propose programs that can help reduce crime county wide. Prior to receiving funding, the 35 recipient organizations shall provide confirmation of certain grant application requirements, with any non-conforming organizations to be excluded from funding. Notwithstanding the aforementioned award amount, any funds thereby made available may be allocated among those conforming organizations from the initial 35 selected at the direction of the Commission.

Section 3. Approving and Authorizing the Mayor and the Corporation Secretary to execute grant agreements. The Mayor, or her designee, and the Corporation Secretary are hereby authorized to

execute and deliver agreements between the City of Jacksonville and the entities identified in **Exhibit 2** in substantially the same form as is attached hereto as **Exhibit 3** and incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 4. Invoking the Exemption in Section 126.107(g), Ordinance Code. The City is hereby authorized to procure the use of the services of the entities identified in the Exhibit 2 to provide for services related to public safety and crime reduction. Pursuant to Section 126.107(g) (Exemptions), Part 1 (General Regulations), Chapter 126 (Procurement Code), Ordinance Code, such procurement is exempted from competitive solicitation because the supplies or services are to be provided by those specifically prescribed within authorizing legislation that appropriates the same. With the exception of the foregoing, all other provisions of Chapter 126, Ordinance Code, shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 5. Waiver of Section 118.107 (Nonprofits to receive funding through a competitive evaluated award process), Part 1 (General Provisions), Chapter 118 (City Grants), Ordinance Code. The provisions of Section 118.107 (Nonprofits to receive funding through a competitive evaluated award process), Part 1 (General Provisions), Chapter 118 (City Grants), Ordinance Code, are hereby waived to allow for a direct contract with the entities identified in Exhibit 2 and the City of Jacksonville. The City finds that the direct contracts approved herein are justified because the entities are nonprofit organizations which do not typically qualify to participate in the Public Services Grant process.

Section 6. Waiver of Section 118.201(f)(7) (Release of Appropriations), Ordinance Code. Section 118.201(f)(7) (Release of Appropriations), Chapter 118 (City Grants), Ordinance Code, is hereby waived as to the disbursement of funds based upon draws for services performed or reimbursements for work done. Waiver of Section

118.201(f)(7), Ordinance Code, is requested to allow advance payments in excess of 10% to the entities referenced in **Exhibit 2**. In specific, these entities will receive one lump sum payment in the amount of \$8,571, representing 100% of the total award per recipient, to be paid prior to performance of services for start-up costs and services, consistent with the provisions of the grant agreement attached hereto as **Exhibit 3**.

Section 7. Waiver of Section 118.301(a)(3)(iv), Ordinance Code. The provisions of Section 118.301(a)(3)(iv) (Expenditure of Appropriated Funds), Part 3 (Administration of City Grants), Chapter 118 (City Grants), Ordinance Code, are hereby waived to allow for grant funds up to a maximum amount of \$2,000 per grantee to be expensed for costs of amusements, social activities and incidental costs relating thereto, such as meals, beverages, lodging, rentals, transportation and gratuities. The justification for this waiver is to allow the grantees the opportunity to connect with the communities they serve through social activities, including the service of meals and beverages, and to cover necessary transportation (e.g. gasoline) expenses for operation of the grantee's respective programs.

Section 8. Oversight Department. The Division of Grants and Contract Compliance of the Finance and Administration Department shall oversee the project described herein.

Section 9. Requesting One Cycle Emergency Passage Pursuant to Council Rule 4.901 Emergency. One cycle emergency passage of this legislation is requested. The nature of the emergency is that the Commission desires the selected grant recipients to provide their services during summer months, when schools are closed. Given the weeks of time often involved in contract preparation and full execution, it is desirable to accelerate the Council approval process so contracts may be timely executed and services provided to coincide with the start of summer.

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/s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

Office of General Counsel

without the Mayor's signature.

Legislation Prepared By: Harry M. Wilson, IV

Section 10. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become

effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective

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Form Approved: