

1 Introduced by the Council President at the request of the Mayor:

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4 **ORDINANCE 2024-766**

5 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$329,091.00
6 (\$264,582.00 IN GRANT FUNDS FROM AMERICORPS
7 SENIORS, FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE CORPORATION FOR
8 NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE, AND A \$64,509.00
9 MATCH FROM THE CITY FROM GENERAL FUND OPERATING
10 FUND BALANCE) FOR THE DUVAL COUNTY SENIOR
11 COMPANION PROGRAM, AS INITIATED BY B.T. 24-152;
12 AUTHORIZING POSITION AND PART-TIME HOURS, AS
13 INITIATED BY R.C. 24-168; PROVIDING FOR CITY
14 OVERSIGHT BY THE SENIOR SERVICES DIVISION OF THE
15 DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY
16 SERVICES; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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18 **BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

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

23 (B.T. 24-152, attached hereto as **Exhibit 1**, and incorporated herein
24 by this reference):

25 (a) Appropriated from:

26 See B.T. 24-152 \$329,091.00

27 (b) Appropriated to:

28 See B.T. 24-152 \$329,091.00

29 (c) Explanation of Appropriation:

30 The funding above comprises \$264,582.00 in grant funds (the
31 "Grant") from AmeriCorps Seniors (formerly known as the

1 Corporation for National and Community Service)
2 ("AmeriCorps") and an additional appropriation of
3 \$64,509.00 from General Fund Operating Fund Balance for
4 the City match, for the Duval County Senior Companion
5 Program (the "Program"). The Grant period commences July
6 1, 2024 and ends June 30, 2027. This appropriation
7 represents funding for year one of the Grant.

8 **Section 2. Purpose.** The purpose of the appropriation in
9 Section 1 is to provide grant funding for year one of the three year
10 Grant to support the Program which focuses on providing aid and
11 friendship to older adults who have difficulty with daily living
12 tasks by connecting eligible seniors with Program volunteers. The
13 Program serves seniors aged 60 years and older who have one or more
14 physical, emotional, or mental health limitations and who need
15 assistance to achieve and maintain a higher level of independent
16 living. Volunteers perform tasks such as shopping, paying bills, and
17 providing escorted services to medical appointments and other places
18 as needed, while also providing companionship, which is intended to
19 assist seniors to live independently in their homes for as long as
20 possible, with the same or an improved quality of life.

21 The Grant and matching funds will be used for Program staff
22 salary and benefits, volunteer stipends, meals and mileage, volunteer
23 recognition events, supplies, training and travel. The Notice of
24 Grant Award is attached hereto as **Exhibit 2** and incorporated herein
25 by this reference.

26 **Section 3. Approval of Position.** There is hereby approved
27 the positions and part-time hours more fully described in R.C. 24-
28 168, attached hereto as **Exhibit 3** and incorporated herein by this
29 reference.

30 **Section 4. Oversight Department.** The Senior Services
31 Division of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services

1 shall oversee administration of the Grant and shall provide oversight
2 of the Program and positions described herein.

3 **Section 5. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become
4 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
5 without the Mayor's signature.

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7 Form Approved:

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10 Office of General Counsel

11 Legislation prepared by: Joelle J. Dillard

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