

1 Introduced by Council Member Carrico:
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4 **ORDINANCE 2024-931**

5 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$50,000 FROM A
6 GENERAL FUND OPERATING SPECIAL COUNCIL
7 CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT TO THE GENERAL FUND
8 OPERATING SUBSIDIES AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO PRIVATE
9 ORG ACCOUNT TO PROVIDE CITY GRANT FUNDING TO
10 HOPE ACROSS THE GLOBE, INC. ("HATG") FOR THE
11 HOPE MENTAL HEALTH AND BEHAVIORAL MEDICINE
12 PROGRAM (THE "PROGRAM") AS DESCRIBED HEREIN;
13 WAIVING SECTION 118.107 (NONPROFITS TO RECEIVE
14 FUNDING THROUGH A COMPETITIVE EVALUATED AWARD
15 PROCESS), PART 1 (GENERAL PROVISIONS), CHAPTER
16 118 (CITY GRANTS), *ORDINANCE CODE*, TO ALLOW FOR
17 A DIRECT CONTRACT WITH HOPE ACROSS THE GLOBE,
18 INC.; APPROVING, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, OR
19 HER DESIGNEE, AND THE CORPORATION SECRETARY TO
20 EXECUTE AND DELIVER ON BEHALF OF THE CITY A GRANT
21 AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE AND
22 HATG FOR THE PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR OVERSIGHT BY
23 THE GRANTS AND CONTRACT COMPLIANCE DIVISION OF
24 THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE
25 DATE.

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

28 **Section 1. Appropriation.** For the 2024-2025 fiscal year,
29 within the City's budget, there is hereby appropriated the indicated
30 sum(s) from the account(s) listed in subsection (a) to the account(s)
31 listed in subsection (b):

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

3 (a) Appropriated from:

4 See **Exhibit 1** \$50,000

5 (b) Appropriated to:

6 See **Exhibit 1** \$50,000

7 (c) Explanation of Appropriation:

8 The funding above is an appropriation of \$50,000 from a
9 General Fund Operating Special Council Contingency account
10 to the General Fund Operating Subsidies and Contributions
11 to Private Org account to provide a grant to HOPE Across
12 the Globe, Inc. ("HATG") for the HOPE Mental Health and
13 Behavioral Medicine Program (the "Program") as described
14 herein.

15 **Section 2. Purpose.** The purpose of the appropriation in
16 Section 1 is to provide grant funds from the City of Jacksonville to
17 HOPE Across the Globe, Inc. for the HOPE Mental Health and Behavioral
18 Medicine Program as described in **Exhibit 2**, attached hereto and
19 incorporated herein by this reference. The Program was designed to
20 increase mental health and behavioral medicine services for Duval
21 County residents suffering from HIV, AIDS, Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C,
22 and sexually transmitted diseases or infections as well as those who
23 are at risk of contracting these conditions. The Program is based on
24 need rather than an individual's ability to pay and many patients
25 served through the Program are uninsured or underinsured which results
26 in them receiving insufficient, inadequate or no medical or
27 psycho-social care to address their various medical conditions. This
28 often results in these individuals succumbing to negative social
29 determinants (such as depression, anxiety, stigma, food insecurity,
30 underemployment, learning disabilities, etc.), failing to take their
31 medications due to these comorbidities, and an increase in the risk

1 of rising rates of HIV/AIDS, sexually transmitted infections and
2 Hepatitis in the community. The City funds will assist with the
3 expansion of the Program by paying a portion of the salary for a Care
4 Coordinator with the remainder of the funds being used to cover the
5 costs for professional services from behavioral and mental health
6 professionals to allow HATG to add capacity and reach more individuals
7 in need.

8 **Section 3. Waiver of Section 118.107, Ordinance Code.** The
9 provisions of Section 118.107 (Nonprofits to receive funding through
10 a competitive evaluated award process), Part 1 (General Provisions),
11 Chapter 118 (City Grants), *Ordinance Code*, are hereby waived to allow
12 for a direct contract with HATG. This waiver is justified because
13 HATG provides a Program that allows Florida-licensed, well-qualified
14 medical professionals to address the roots of mental health and
15 behavioral maladies for some of Duval County's most vulnerable
16 residents. These services are provided weekdays, evenings and
17 weekends to ensure they do not conflict with the patients' work or
18 education schedule so they can remain on track in their day-to-day
19 lives while also addressing significant and often chronic medical
20 conditions.

21 **Section 4. Approval and Authorization to Execute.** There is
22 hereby approved, and the Mayor, or her designee, and the Corporation
23 Secretary are hereby authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of
24 the City a grant agreement with HOPE Across the Globe, Inc. in an
25 amount not-to-exceed \$50,000, subject to the Term Sheet and Budget
26 more particularly described in **Exhibit 2**, for a term commencing on
27 October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025, and all other contracts
28 and documents, including extensions, renewals and amendments to the
29 agreement, and to otherwise take all action necessary to effectuate
30 the intent of this Ordinance, subject to appropriate legal review and
31 approval by the General Counsel, or his or her designee, and the

1 City's Risk Management Division for appropriate insurance and
2 indemnification requirements in accordance with Section 128.601,
3 *Ordinance Code.*

4 **Section 5. Oversight Department.** The Grants and Contract
5 Compliance Division of the Finance Department shall oversee the
6 project described herein.

7 **Section 6. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become
8 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
9 without the Mayor's signature.

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11 Form Approved:

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13 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

14 Office of General Counsel

15 Legislation Prepared By: Mary E. Staffopoulos

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