

1 Introduced by Council Member Carrico:
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4 **ORDINANCE 2024-875-E**

5 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$100,000 FROM A
6 SPECIAL COUNCIL CONTINGENCY TO THE GENERAL FUND
7 OPERATING, SUBSIDIES AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO
8 PRIVATE ORG ACCOUNT, TO PROVIDE CITY GRANT
9 FUNDING TO WEGOTCHU ENTERPRISES NPO, INC.
10 ("WEGOTCHU") FOR THE WEGOTCHU SALUD WELLNESS
11 PROGRAM (THE "PROGRAM") AS DESCRIBED HEREIN;
12 WAIVING SECTION 118.107 (NONPROFITS TO RECEIVE
13 FUNDING THROUGH A COMPETITIVE EVALUATED AWARD
14 PROCESS), PART 1 (GENERAL PROVISIONS), CHAPTER
15 118 (CITY GRANTS), *ORDINANCE CODE*, TO ALLOW FOR
16 A DIRECT CONTRACT WITH WEGOTCHU ENTERPRISES NPO,
17 INC.; APPROVING, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, OR
18 HER DESIGNEE, AND THE CORPORATION SECRETARY TO
19 EXECUTE AND DELIVER ON BEHALF OF THE CITY A GRANT
20 AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE AND
21 WEGOTCHU FOR THE PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR
22 OVERSIGHT BY THE GRANTS AND CONTRACT COMPLIANCE
23 DIVISION OF THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT; PROVIDING AN
24 EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

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

31 (The account information is attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** and

1 incorporated herein by this reference)

2 (a) Appropriated from:

3 See **Exhibit 1** \$100,000

4 (b) Appropriated to:

5 See **Exhibit 1** \$100,000

6 (c) Explanation of Appropriation:

7 The funding above is an appropriation of \$100,000 from a
8 Special Council Contingency to the General Fund Operating,
9 Subsidies and Contributions to Private Org account, to
10 provide a grant to Wegotchu Enterprises NPO, Inc.
11 ("Wegotchu") for the Wegotchu Salud Wellness Program (the
12 "Program") as described herein.

13 **Section 2. Purpose.** The purpose of the appropriation in

14 Section 1 is to provide grant funds from the City of Jacksonville to
15 Wegotchu for the Wegotchu Salud Wellness Program as described in
16 **Exhibit 2**, attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.

17 The Program was created to raise awareness regarding infectious
18 diseases and to provide a dedicated community resource
19 center/infectious disease clinic that focuses on treating infectious
20 diseases. Wegotchu strives to provide medical education, intervention
21 and prevention services for low-income Duval County residents living
22 with or at risk of contracting an infectious disease, including by
23 working with each patient to create a personalized wellness plan.
24 The City funds will be used for various expenses to operate and
25 administer the Program including paying a portion of the salaries for
26 the Program Director, the Medical Director, a Registered Nurse, a
27 Case Manager and a Community Engagement Supervisor, as well as costs
28 for rent, medical software and various office supplies. In addition,
29 a portion of the City funds will be used to purchase personal
30 protective equipment for the medical professionals providing medical
31 services and HIV/AIDS testing kits for the Program patients.

1 **Section 3. Waiver of Section 118.107, Ordinance Code.** The
2 provisions of Section 118.107 (Nonprofits to receive funding through
3 a competitive evaluated award process), Part 1 (General Provisions),
4 Chapter 118 (City Grants), *Ordinance Code*, are hereby waived to allow
5 for a direct contract with Wegotchu. This waiver is justified because
6 Wegotchu takes a unique approach to addressing a variety of issues
7 that affect individuals with infectious diseases. More specifically,
8 the Program provides medical services to underserved populations in
9 Duval County while also offering a "90 Day Prep Program" or "PrEP"
10 as a prevention strategy for people who are at higher risk of
11 contracting HIV. PrEP participants receive workforce development
12 assistance, financial education and income support and benefits
13 exploration assistance.

14 **Section 4. Approval and Authorization to Execute.** There is
15 hereby approved, and the Mayor, or her designee, and the Corporation
16 Secretary are hereby authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of
17 the City a grant agreement with Wegotchu Enterprises NPO, Inc. in an
18 amount not-to-exceed \$100,000, subject to the Term Sheet and Budget
19 more particularly described in **Exhibit 2**, for a term commencing on
20 October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025, and all other contracts
21 and documents, including extensions, renewals and amendments to the
22 agreement, and to otherwise take all action necessary to effectuate
23 the intent of this Ordinance, subject to appropriate legal review and
24 approval by the General Counsel, or his or her designee, and the
25 City's Risk Management Division for appropriate insurance and
26 indemnification requirements in accordance with Section 128.601,
27 *Ordinance Code*.

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

31 **Section 6. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become

1 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
2 without the Mayor's signature.

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4 Form Approved:

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6 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

7 Office of General Counsel

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