

1 Introduced by Council Member Lahnen and Co-Sponsored by Council  
2 Members Clark-Murray, Peluso, Salem, Miller, Amaro, Johnson, Howland,  
3 Freeman, Arias, Diamond and Pittman and amended by the Neighborhoods,  
4 Community Services, Public Health and Safety Committee:

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7 **ORDINANCE 2024-949-E**

8 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$70,296 FROM A  
9 GENERAL FUND OPERATING SPECIAL COUNCIL  
10 CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT TO THE GENERAL FUND  
11 OPERATING SUBSIDIES AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO PRIVATE  
12 ORG ACCOUNT, TO PROVIDE CITY GRANT FUNDING TO  
13 UNIVERSITY OF NORTH FLORIDA ("UNF") FOR THE UNF  
14 MILITARY AND VETERANS PROGRAM (THE "PROGRAM") AS  
15 DESCRIBED HEREIN; WAIVING SECTION 118.503 (LOSS  
16 OF ELIGIBILITY FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THIS  
17 CHAPTER), PART 5 (LIABILITY AND LOSS OF  
18 ENTITLEMENT OR ELIGIBILITY FOR CITY GRANTS),  
19 CHAPTER 118 (CITY GRANTS), *ORDINANCE CODE*, TO  
20 ALLOW UNF TO RECEIVE CITY GRANT FUNDS WHILE ON  
21 THE CITY'S CHAPTER 118 NON-COMPLIANCE LIST;  
22 APPROVING, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, OR HER  
23 DESIGNEE, AND THE CORPORATION SECRETARY TO  
24 EXECUTE AND DELIVER ON BEHALF OF THE CITY A GRANT  
25 AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE AND  
26 UNF FOR THE PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR OVERSIGHT BY  
27 THE GRANTS AND CONTRACT COMPLIANCE DIVISION OF  
28 THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE  
29 DATE.

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

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

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

7           (a) Appropriated from:

8                 See **Exhibit 1**   \$70,296

9           (b) Appropriated to:

10                See **Exhibit 1**   \$70,296

11           (c) Explanation of Appropriation:

12                   The funding above is an appropriation of \$70,296 from a  
13 General Fund Operating Special Council Contingency account  
14 to the General Fund Operating Subsidies and Contributions  
15 to Private Org account, to provide a grant to University  
16 of North Florida ("UNF") for the UNF Military and Veterans  
17 Program (the "Program") as described herein.

18           **Section 2.           Purpose.** The purpose of the appropriation in  
19 Section 1 is to provide grant funds from the City of Jacksonville to  
20 the University of North Florida for the UNF Military and Veterans  
21 Program as described in **Exhibit 2**, attached hereto and incorporated  
22 herein by this reference. The Program is operated out of the UNF  
23 Military and Veterans Resource Center (the "MVRC") which serves over  
24 2,000 military-connected students and provides access to technology  
25 and equipment to assist students in their educational pursuits as  
26 well as a location for work study groups, completion of class  
27 projects, student collaborations, and development of presentations.  
28 Two specific programs offered at the UNF MVRC that will be supported  
29 by the City grant dollars include the SBDC Military Spouse Career  
30 Readiness Seminar and the Veteran/Military Student Entrepreneurship  
31 Bootcamp and Pitch Competition. The Spouse Career Readiness Seminar

1 provides targeted training, mentorship and resources to help military  
2 spouses explore entrepreneurship opportunities as a viable career  
3 path while the Bootcamp and Pitch Competition were designed to provide  
4 opportunities for military and veteran students attending UNF to  
5 explore innovation, creativity and entrepreneurship and to develop  
6 the skillset necessary to achieve their entrepreneurship goals.

7 The City funds will be used to purchase two interactive  
8 electronic whiteboards for installation in the main area and a private  
9 study room at the MVRC and to purchase equipment and make improvements  
10 to the MVRC kitchen where military-connected students have access to  
11 free refreshments throughout the day. A portion of the City funds  
12 will also be used to purchase a golf cart to transport disabled and  
13 mobility-challenged veterans and military-connected students around  
14 the MVRC campus. Finally, a portion of the funds will be used for  
15 office expenses, space rentals, and marketing materials as well as a  
16 portion of the salaries and benefits for a Coordinator and a  
17 Facilitator to support the SBRC Military Spouse Career Readiness  
18 Seminar and a Cohort Facilitator and Mentors for the Entrepreneurship  
19 Bootcamp and Pitch Competition.

20 **Section 3. Waiver of Section 118.503, Ordinance Code.** The  
21 provisions of Section 118.503 (Loss of eligibility for failure to  
22 comply with this Chapter), Part 5 (Liability and Loss of Entitlement  
23 or Eligibility for City Grants), Chapter 118 (City Grants), *Ordinance*  
24 *Code*, are hereby waived to allow the University of North Florida to  
25 receive a City grant as the University of North Florida is currently  
26 on the Chapter 118 Non-Compliance List for failure to timely submit  
27 an annual audit as required pursuant to the provisions of Chapter  
28 118, *Ordinance Code*. This waiver is justified because UNF's audit is  
29 conducted by the State Auditor General and is not expected to be  
30 received until March 2025, thus precluding UNF from timely submitting  
31 its audit in compliance with the Code.

1           **Section 4.           Approval and Authorization to Execute.** There is  
2 hereby approved, and the Mayor, or her designee, and the Corporation  
3 Secretary are hereby authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of  
4 the City a grant agreement with University of North Florida in an  
5 amount not-to-exceed \$70,296, subject to the Term Sheet and Budget  
6 more particularly described in **Exhibit 2**, for a term commencing on  
7 October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025, and all other contracts  
8 and documents, including extensions, renewals and amendments to the  
9 agreement, and to otherwise take all action necessary to effectuate  
10 the intent of this Ordinance, subject to appropriate legal review and  
11 approval by the General Counsel, or his or her designee, and the  
12 City's Risk Management Division for appropriate insurance and  
13 indemnification requirements in accordance with Section 128.601,  
14 *Ordinance Code*.

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

18           **Section 6.           Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become  
19 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective  
20 without the Mayor's signature.

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22 Form Approved:

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24           /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos          

25 Office of General Counsel

26 Legislation Prepared By: Mary E. Staffopoulos

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