

1 Introduced by Council Member Boylan and Co-sponsored by Council  
2 Members Morgan, Carlucci, Hazouri, Bowman, Cumber, White, Diamond,  
3 Newby, Gaffney, Priestly Jackson, DeFoor, Pittman, Salem, Ferraro,  
4 Becton and Freeman and amended by the Neighborhoods, Community  
5 Services, Public Health & Safety Committee:  
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8 **ORDINANCE 2020-248-E**

9 AN ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO HUNGER AND EVICTION  
10 RELIEF; APPROPRIATING \$1,000,000.00 FROM  
11 OPERATING RESERVES WITHIN THE GENERAL FUND/  
12 GENERAL SERVICE DISTRICT TO PROVIDE FUNDING TO  
13 UNITED WAY OF NORTHEAST FLORIDA FOR FUNDING  
14 FLORIDA'S FIRST COAST RELIEF FUND TO ASSIST  
15 VARIOUS NONPROFITS IN PROVIDING NECESSARY  
16 SERVICES DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE COVID-19  
17 OUTBREAK; APPROVING, AND AUTHORIZING THE  
18 MAYOR, OR HIS DESIGNEE, AND CORPORATION  
19 SECRETARY TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER, A FUNDING  
20 AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE AND  
21 UNITED WAY OF NORTHEAST FLORIDA FOR  
22 DISTRIBUTION THROUGH FLORIDA'S FIRST COAST  
23 RELIEF FUND; INVOKING THE EXCEPTION OF  
24 126.107(G) (EXEMPTIONS), CHAPTER 126  
25 (PROCUREMENT CODE), ORDINANCE CODE, TO DIRECT  
26 CONTRACT WITH UNITED WAY OF NORTHEAST FLORIDA;  
27 WAIVING SECTION 118.201(F)(7) (RELEASE OF  
28 APPROPRIATIONS), ORDINANCE CODE, SINCE  
29 PAYMENTS ARE NOT TIED TO DRAWS FOR SERVICES  
30 PERFORMED OR REIMBURSEMENT FOR WORK DONE BUT

1 PER A SCHEDULE WITHIN THE AGREEMENT; PROVIDING  
2 FOR OVERSIGHT BY THE OFFICE OF GRANTS AND  
3 CONTRACT COMPLIANCE; REQUESTING EMERGENCY ONE  
4 CYCLE PASSAGE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.  
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6 **WHEREAS**, Florida's First Coast Relief Fund (the "Fund") was  
7 formed around 2016 by local funders to provide a dependable,  
8 consistent and collaborative method to raise and deploy resources  
9 to nonprofit organizations in Northeast Florida working to meet  
10 unmet critical needs of residents who are disproportionately  
11 impacted by disasters and crises; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the Fund was founded by The Community Foundation for  
13 Northeast Florida, the Jessie Ball duPont Fund, the Jewish  
14 Federation and Foundation of Northeast Florida, United Way of  
15 Northeast Florida, and United Way of St. Johns and Putnam Counties;  
16 and

17 **WHEREAS**, the Fund was recently reactivated to combat the  
18 economic damage done by the COVID-19 pandemic; and

19 **WHEREAS**, the local needs of nonprofit organizations for  
20 programs to assist individuals and families with short-term housing  
21 assistance, food assistance, child-care support, medical care, and  
22 other financial assistance to allow for the continued delivery of  
23 services cannot be overstated due to the COVID-19 pandemic and its  
24 effect of the local, state, national and global economies; and

25 **WHEREAS**, the Fund is administered by the United Way of  
26 Northeast Florida and fund recipients are chosen based on criteria  
27 and qualifications by a Grants Committee which reviews the  
28 applications; and

29 **WHEREAS**, the Fund's Grants Committee is staffed by experienced  
30 program officers from the United Way of Northeast Florida, the  
31 Community Foundation of Northeast Florida, Jessie Ball duPont Fund

1 and the Jacksonville Jewish Federation and Foundation; and

2       **WHEREAS**, the City's Director of Strategic Partnerships  
3 currently sits on the Grants Committee as a nonvoting member but  
4 with the allocation requested in this legislation, the City would  
5 have the option of appointing a voting member to the Grants  
6 Committee; and

7       **WHEREAS**, as of May 1, 2020, \$3.5 million has been raised with  
8 68 agencies receiving \$2.2 million in support from the Fund; and

9       **WHEREAS**, in recent weeks the Fund has received more than 150  
10 applications totaling \$5.5 million; and

11       **WHEREAS**, 100 percent of all donations to the Fund go out to  
12 nonprofit organizations serving individuals with immediate needs  
13 for food, shelter and medical care who are directly impacted and in  
14 need of urgent relief; and

15       **WHEREAS**, the exact use of monies within the Fund existing must  
16 be accounted for to private donors and the proposed allocation and  
17 Funding Agreement provided for herein similarly require stringent  
18 accounting of the funds to be appropriated by the City and specify  
19 that the City funds will be directed to Duval County nonprofits who  
20 meet the application criteria as reviewed by the Grants Committee;  
21 now therefore

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

23       **Section 1. Appropriation.** For the 2019-2020 fiscal year,  
24 within the City's budget, there are hereby appropriated the  
25 indicated sum(s) from the account(s) listed in subsection (a) to  
26 the account(s) listed in subsection (b):

27 (Account information attached hereto as **Exhibit 1**, and incorporated  
28 herein by this reference)

29       (a) Appropriated from:

30               See **Exhibit 1**                               \$1,000,000.00

31       (b) Appropriated to:

1 See **Exhibit 1** \$1,000,000.00

2 (c) Explanation of Appropriation:

3 The funding above is from the Operating Reserves within  
4 the General Fund/General Service District to provide  
5 funding to United Way of Northeast Florida so that the  
6 funding can be distributed through an application and  
7 award process to Duval County nonprofit organizations to  
8 assist local citizens in essential and immediate services  
9 as part of relief efforts for the COVID-19 outbreak.

10 **Section 2. Purpose.** The purpose of the appropriation in  
11 Section 1 above is to provide funding to United Way of Northeast  
12 Florida for relief funds to assist Duval County nonprofits for  
13 losses sustained as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak. United Way  
14 of Northeast Florida is the Administrator of Florida's First Coast  
15 Relief Fund which is an effort between various nonprofits to fill  
16 in the gaps in essential and immediate social services for those  
17 impacted by COVID-19.

18 **Section 3. Agreement approved and execution authorized.**  
19 There is hereby approved, and the Mayor, or his designee, and  
20 Corporation Secretary are hereby authorized to execute and deliver,  
21 the Funding Agreement between the City of Jacksonville and United  
22 Way of Northeast Florida, in substantially the form as attached  
23 hereto as **Revised Exhibit 2**, labeled as "Revised Exhibit 2, Rev  
24 Agmt, May 18, 2020 - NCSPHS", and incorporated herein by this  
25 reference (the "Agreement"). The Agreement provides for \$1,000,000  
26 for assistance in the Florida's First Coast Relief Fund. The  
27 Agreement may include such additions, deletions and changes as may  
28 be reasonable, necessary and incidental for carrying out the  
29 purposes thereof, as may be acceptable to the Mayor, or his  
30 designee, with such inclusion and acceptance being evidenced by  
31 execution of the Agreement by the Mayor, or his designee; provided

1 however, no modification to the Agreement may increase the  
2 financial obligations or liability of the City to an amount in  
3 excess of the amount stated in the Agreement or decrease the duties  
4 and obligations of the United Way of Northeast Florida as stated in  
5 the Agreement, and any such modification shall be technical only  
6 and shall be subject to appropriate legal review and approval by  
7 the Office of General Counsel. For the purposes of this Ordinance,  
8 the term "technical changes" is defined as those changes having no  
9 financial impact to the City and any other non-substantive changes  
10 that do not substantively increase the duties and responsibilities  
11 of the City under the provisions of the Agreement.

12 **Section 4. Invoking the exception to Section 126.107(g),**  
13 **Ordinance Code.** The City is hereby authorized to enter into an  
14 agreement with United Way of Northeast Florida for assistance with  
15 the Florida's First Coast Relief Fund. Pursuant to Section  
16 126.107(g) (Exemptions), Part 1 (General Regulations), Chapter 126,  
17 Procurement Code), *Ordinance Code*, such procurement is exempted  
18 from competitive solicitation because the supplies or services are  
19 to be provided by those specifically prescribed within authorizing  
20 legislation that appropriates the same. With the exception of the  
21 foregoing, all other provisions of Chapter 126, *Ordinance Code*,  
22 shall remain in full force and effect.

23 **Section 5. Waiving Section 118.201(f) (7) (Release of**  
24 **Appropriations), Ordinance Code.** Section 118.201(f) (7), *Ordinance*  
25 *Code*, requires that agreements for payment of City grants require  
26 provisions for reimbursement for work done or based upon draws for  
27 services. To the extent that the scheduled disbursements under the  
28 Agreement provide funding in a phased schedule without being tied  
29 to payment for work done or draws based upon services, the Council  
30 waives the provisions of Section 118.201(f) (7) for this Ordinance.

31 **Section 6. Oversight.** The Office of Grants and

1 Contract Compliance shall oversee the funding agreement described  
2 herein.

3 **Section 7. Requesting emergency one cycle passage**  
4 **pursuant to Council Rule 4.901 Emergency.** Emergency one cycle  
5 passage of this legislation is requested. The nature of the  
6 emergency is that the current COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in the  
7 immediate disruption of nonprofit organizations in providing  
8 essential social services to the most vulnerable citizens in Duval  
9 County and the nonprofit organizations involved in Florida's First  
10 Coast Relief Fund desire to address the immediate concerns and  
11 needs of the community in the most expedited manner with swift  
12 results; therefore, there is an urgent need to allocate the funding  
13 and execute the Funding Agreement to expedite relief to those  
14 impacted.

15 **Section 8. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall become  
16 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective  
17 without the Mayor's signature.

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19 Form Approved:

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21 /s/ Paige H. Johnston

22 Office of General Counsel

23 Legislation prepared by: Paige H. Johnston

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