

1 Introduced by Council Members Bowman, Freeman, Gaffney, Carlucci,
2 Cumber, Salem, Diamond, Newby, Boylan, Morgan, White, DeFoor,
3 Hazouri, Pittman and Ferraro and amended by the Neighborhoods,
4 Community Services, Public Health & Safety Committee:
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7 **ORDINANCE 2020-276-E**

8 AN ORDINANCE MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS AND
9 APPROPRIATING \$1,000,000 FROM CARES ACT FUNDS
10 PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED IN ORDINANCE 2020-235-
11 E TO THE COVID-19 SENIOR AND DISABLED
12 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM; AUTHORIZING THE
13 CITY TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH FIDELITY
14 NATIONAL INFORMATION SERVICES; INVOKING THE
15 EXCEPTION OF 126.107(G) (EXEMPTIONS), CHAPTER
16 126 (PROCUREMENT CODE), *ORDINANCE CODE*, TO
17 DIRECT CONTRACT WITH FIDELITY NATIONAL
18 INFORMATION SERVICES, INC. ("FIS") TO PROVIDE
19 PAYMENT CARDS TO THE CITY TO BE PROVIDED TO
20 APPROVED GRANT RECIPIENTS UNDER THE COVID-19
21 SENIOR AND DISABLED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
22 PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR MONTHLY REPORTS TO CITY
23 COUNCIL; REQUESTING THAT THE FINANCE AND
24 ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT AND OFFICE OF
25 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OVERSEE THE GRANT PROCESS
26 AND PROGRAM; REQUESTING ONE CYCLE EMERGENCY
27 PASSAGE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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29 **Section 1. Findings.** It is hereby ascertained, determined,
30 found and declared as follows:

1 (a) The recitals set forth herein are true and correct.

2 (b) By promoting and furthering the public and municipal
3 purposes of the City and serve to limit the severe economic impacts
4 of COVID-19.

5 (c) The Program is designed to provide rapid economic relief
6 to Duval county senior and disabled residents in order to assist
7 them in negative impacts caused by COVID-19 such as a reduction in
8 income or increased expenses.

9 (d) The Program will provide economic relief to low income
10 seniors and disabled residents in Duval County, thus encouraging
11 ongoing compliance with the Emergency Measures and benefitting the
12 health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Duval County.

13 (e) The provision of the City's assistance is necessary and
14 appropriate to make the Program feasible; and the City's assistance
15 is reasonable and not excessive, taking into account the extent of
16 the public benefits expected to be derived from the Program, and
17 taking into account all other forms of assistance available.

18 (f) The authorizations provided by this Ordinance are for
19 public uses and purposes for which the City may use its powers as a
20 county, municipality and as a political subdivision of the State of
21 Florida and may expend public funds, and the necessity in the public
22 interest for the provisions herein enacted is hereby declared as a
23 matter of legislative determination.

24 (g) This Ordinance is adopted pursuant to the provisions of
25 Chapters 163, 166 and 125, Florida Statutes, as amended, the City's
26 Charter, and other applicable provisions of law.

27 **Section 2. Appropriation.** For the 2019-2020 fiscal year,
28 within the City's budget, there are hereby appropriated the
29 indicated sum(s) from the account(s) listed in subsection (a) to
30 the account(s) listed in subsection (b):

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

1 labeled as "Revised Exhibit 1, Revised Acct Info, June 1, 2020 -
2 NCSPHS" and incorporated herein by this reference)

3 (a) Appropriated from:

4 See attached **Revised Exhibit 1** \$1,000,000

5 (b) Appropriated to:

6 See attached **Revised Exhibit 1** \$1,000,000

7 (c) **Explanation of Appropriation:**

8 The funding above is from CARES Act Grant funds
9 previously appropriated by 2020-235-E to the COVID-19
10 Senior and Disabled Financial Assistant program. The
11 funds will be used to provide financial assistance to
12 senior citizens (72 years or older) and non-dependent
13 residents with SSA-defined disabilities that are on fixed
14 income that experienced increased expenses or a decrease
15 in income during the COVID-19 pandemic.

16 **Section 3. Purpose.** The purpose of the appropriation in
17 Section 2 is to provide grants via pay cards to provide financial
18 assistance to senior citizens (72 years or older) and non-dependent
19 residents with SSA-defined disabilities that are on fixed income
20 that experienced increased expenses during the COVID-19 pandemic.
21 The funds can be used for food, supplies, home healthcare,
22 utilities, transportation, and other expenses necessary as a result
23 of the COVID-19 pandemic.

24 **Section 4. COVID-19 Senior and Disabled Financial**
25 **Assistance Program approved.** For a period of six months from the
26 effective date of this Ordinance, the City is authorized to award
27 COVID-19 Senior and Disabled Financial Assistance to eligible
28 senior and disabled residents in Duval County in the amount of \$300
29 to approved applicants in accordance with the criteria attached
30 hereto as **Revised Exhibit 2**, labeled as "Revised Exhibit 2, Revised
31 Criteria, June 1, 2020 - NCSPHS" and incorporated herein reference.

1 The program is designed to provide financial assistance to senior
2 citizens (72 years or older) and non-dependent residents with SSA-
3 defined disabilities that are on fixed income that experienced
4 increased expenses or a reduction in income during the COVID-19
5 pandemic. The funds can be used for food, supplies, home
6 healthcare, utilities, transportation, and other expenses. The City
7 will make a one-time payment of \$300 to approved applicants. The
8 eligibility criteria include that an applicant: (i) must reside in
9 Duval County; (ii) must attest that the individual did not qualify
10 for or receive funds from the City of Jacksonville VyStar
11 Assistance Loan Program; (iii) must attest that the individual did
12 not qualify for or receive funds from the City of Jacksonville
13 Mortgage, Rent and Utility Assistance Program; (iii) must attest
14 that the individual is a senior citizen (72 years or older) and/or
15 a non-dependent with disabilities as defined by the Social Security
16 Administration; (iv) must have experienced a reduction in income or
17 an increase in expenses due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and (v) must
18 attest that income did not exceed \$30,000 in 2019. For the purpose
19 of eligibility for SSA Disability: The law defines disability as
20 the inability to engage in any substantial gainful activity (SGA)
21 by reason of any medically determinable physical or mental
22 impairment(s) which can be expected to result in death or which has
23 lasted or can be expected to last for a continuous period of not
24 less than 12 months.

25 **Section 5. Authorizing the City to enter into an**
26 **agreement with Fidelity National Information Services (FIS).** The
27 City is hereby authorized to enter into an Agreement with Fidelity
28 National Information Services for the purposes described in Section
29 3, and to also allow for a negotiated compensation to FIS.

30 **Section 6. Invoking the exception to Section 126.107(g),**
31 **Ordinance Code.** The City is hereby authorized to enter into the

1 Agreement with Fidelity National Information Services, Inc. for the
2 purposes described in Section 3, as well as allowing for a
3 negotiated compensation to FIS. Pursuant to Section 126.107(g)
4 (Exemptions), Part 1 (General Regulations), Chapter 126
5 (Procurement Code), *Ordinance Code*, such procurement is exempted
6 from competitive solicitation because the supplies or services are
7 to be provided by those specifically prescribed within authorizing
8 legislation that appropriates the same. With the exception of the
9 foregoing, all other provisions of Chapter 126, *Ordinance Code*,
10 shall remain in full force and effect.

11 **Section 7. Oversight Department.** The Finance and
12 Administration Department and Office of Economic Development shall
13 provide oversight for the Program herein.

14 **Section 8. Monthly Report.** The Finance and
15 Administration Department is required to make a report monthly to
16 the City Council concerning the use of the funds authorized hereby
17 for the Program, including the number of recipients and dollar
18 amounts of the Grants.

19 **Section 9. Requesting One Cycle Emergency Passage**
20 **pursuant to Council Rule 4.901.** One cycle emergency passage of this
21 legislation is requested. The nature of the emergency is that the
22 negative health and economic impacts of COVID-19 are ongoing and
23 immediate economic assistance will assist in the immediate needs of
24 senior and disabled residents of Duval county, who meet criteria in
25 **Revised Exhibit 2**, labeled as "Revised Exhibit 2, Revised Criteria,
26 June 1, 2020 - NCSPHS", which includes an income of less than
27 \$30,000.

28 **Section 10. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall become
29 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
30 without the Mayor's signature.

31 Form Approved:

1 /s/ Paige H. Johnston
2 Office of General Counsel
3 Legislation prepared by: Margaret M. Sidman
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