

Introduced by Council Member Johnson:

ORDINANCE 2026-260

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$143,710 FROM GENERAL FUND OPERATING RESERVES TO THE HISTORIC STANTON REHAB - SUBSIDIES AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO PRIVATE ORG ACCOUNT TO PROVIDE GRANT FUNDS TO HISTORIC STANTON, INC. FOR CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS TO THE HISTORIC STANTON SCHOOL BUILDING LOCATED AT 521 WEST ASHLEY STREET (THE "PROJECT") AS DESCRIBED HEREIN; WAIVING SECTION 118.107 (NONPROFITS TO RECEIVE FUNDING THROUGH A COMPETITIVE EVALUATED AWARD PROCESS; WAIVER AND DISCLOSURES), PART 1 (GENERAL PROVISIONS), CHAPTER 118 (CITY GRANTS), *ORDINANCE CODE*, TO ALLOW FOR A DIRECT CONTRACT WITH HISTORIC STANTON, INC.; WAIVING SUBSECTION 118.201 (F) (7) (RELEASE OF APPROPRIATIONS), PART 2 (DISBURSEMENT OF CITY GRANTS), CHAPTER 118 (CITY GRANTS), *ORDINANCE CODE*, TO ALLOW FOR AN ADVANCE PAYMENT OF UP TO 25% OF THE TOTAL GRANT AMOUNT TO HISTORIC STANTON, INC.; APPROVING, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, OR HER DESIGNEE, AND THE CORPORATION SECRETARY TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER ON BEHALF OF THE CITY A GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE AND HISTORIC STANTON, INC. FOR THE PROJECT; PROVIDING FOR OVERSIGHT BY THE GRANTS AND CONTRACT COMPLIANCE DIVISION OF THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Ordinance 2021-382-E appropriated \$300,000 to a

1 designated contingency account for Historic Stanton, Inc. to be used
2 for building improvements to the historic Stanton School located at
3 521 West Ashley Street in downtown Jacksonville (the "Project"); and

4 **WHEREAS**, Ordinance 2022-93-E appropriated a portion of these
5 funds (\$156,290) from the contingency account, authorized execution
6 of a grant agreement between the City and Historic Stanton, Inc., and
7 authorized carryover of the remaining contingency funds in the amount
8 of \$143,710 to September 30, 2023; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the City Council later authorized carryover of the
10 remaining funds to September 30, 2024, and then to September 30,
11 2025, pursuant to Ordinances 2023-610-E and 2024-744-E, respectively,
12 after which said funds fell to Operating Reserves; and

13 **WHEREAS**, Historic Stanton, Inc. has requested the City Council
14 appropriate the funds that were never contributed to the Project in
15 the amount of \$143,710 to make said funds available in Fiscal Year
16 2025-2026 for completion of improvements to the historic Stanton
17 School as described herein and in keeping with the terms and
18 conditions of the previously executed grant agreement; now therefore

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

20 **Section 1. Appropriation.** For the 2025-2026 fiscal year,
21 within the City's budget, there are hereby appropriated the indicated
22 sum(s) from the account(s) listed in subsection (a) to the account(s)
23 listed in subsection (b):

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

26 (a) Appropriated from:

27 See **Exhibit 1** \$143,710

28 (b) Appropriated to:

29 See **Exhibit 1** \$143,710

30 (c) Explanation of Appropriation:

31 The funding above represents an appropriation of \$143,710 from

1 General Fund Operating Reserves to the Historic Stanton Rehab -
2 Subsidies and Contributions to Private Org account to provide
3 grant funds to Historic Stanton, Inc. for improvements to the
4 historic Stanton School building as described herein.

5 **Section 2. Purpose.** The purpose of the appropriation in
6 Section 1 is to provide grant funding to Historic Stanton, Inc. for
7 building improvements to the historic Stanton School. Specifically,
8 Historic Stanton, Inc. proposes to use these funds to reinstall
9 electric service to the building, secure the exterior mortar and
10 brick on the building, and conduct interior remediation work on the
11 first floor as more fully described in **Exhibit 2**, attached hereto and
12 incorporated herein by this reference. The proposed use of these
13 funds as outlined above has not changed since the funds were initially
14 appropriated in Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

15 **Section 3. Waiver of Section 118.107, Ordinance Code.** The
16 provisions of Section 118.107 (Nonprofits to receive funding through
17 a competitive evaluated award process; waiver and disclosures), Part
18 1 (General Provisions), Chapter 118 (City Grants), *Ordinance Code*,
19 are hereby waived to allow for a direct contract with Historic
20 Stanton, Inc. This waiver is justified because Historic Stanton,
21 Inc. has already made some improvements to the historic Stanton School
22 utilizing City funds and is seeking the remainder of funds previously
23 awarded for the Project in order to complete necessary repairs to the
24 historic structure. Historic Stanton, Inc. has provided the Affidavit
25 of Disclosure required by subsection 118.107(b)(2), *Ordinance Code*,
26 a copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit 3** and incorporated
27 herein by this reference.

28 **Section 4. Waiver of Subsection 118.207(f)(7), Ordinance**
29 **Code.** The provisions of subsection 118.207(f)(7) (Release of
30 Appropriations), Part 2 (Disbursement of City Grants), Chapter 118
31 (City Grants), *Ordinance Code*, are hereby waived to allow for an

1 advance payment of up to 25% of the total grant amount for the
2 Project. This waiver is justified as it will allow Historic Stanton,
3 Inc. to mobilize immediately to make repairs to the historic Stanton
4 School structure.

5 **Section 5. Approval and Authorization to Execute Agreement.**

6 There is hereby approved, and the Mayor, or her designee, and the
7 Corporation Secretary are hereby authorized to execute and deliver
8 on behalf of the City a grant agreement with Historic Stanton, Inc.
9 in an amount not-to-exceed \$143,710, subject to the term sheet
10 attached hereto as **Exhibit 2**, for a term commencing upon execution
11 of the agreement by the City and continuing through September 30,
12 2026, and to otherwise take all action necessary to effectuate the
13 intent of this Ordinance, subject to appropriate legal review and
14 approval by the Office of General Counsel and the City's Risk
15 Management Division for appropriate insurance and indemnification
16 requirements in accordance with Section 128.601, *Ordinance Code*.

17 **Section 6. Oversight.** The Grants and Contract Compliance
18 Division of the Finance Department shall have oversight of the grant
19 described herein.

20 **Section 7. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become
21 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
22 without the Mayor's signature.

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24 Form Approved:

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26 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

27 Office of General Counsel

28 Legislation Prepared By: Mary E. Staffopoulos

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