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Promises Made | Promises Kept | What's Next





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Why These Townhalls?

Jacksonville is growing — fast



**Housing
affordability**



**Underserved
Neighborhoods**



**Health Care
Access**



Infrastructure

Promises Made

- 1 Fight Hunger
- 2 Expand Affordable Housing
- 3 Improve Healthcare Access
- 4 Invest in Neighborhoods
- 5 Upgrade Infrastructure



Accountability & Transparency

The Challenge

Residents want proof
- not promises

Our Response

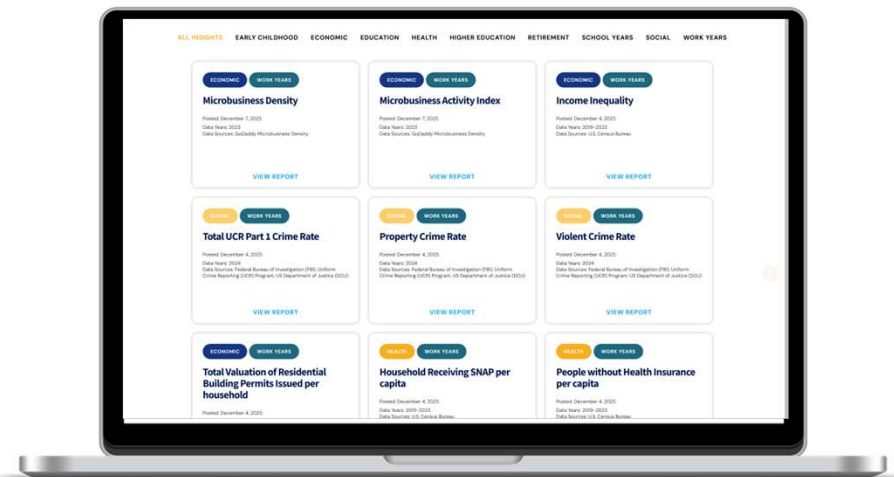
Transparency dashboards and
State of Jax reporting

Results

Clear, public tracking
of progress



jacksonville.gov/transparencydashboard



stateofjax.org



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Public Safety



The Challenge

Residents deserve to feel safe in every neighborhood.

Our Response

- Increased salary and pension benefits for first responders.
- Community-led public safety approach through Journey Forward.



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Results

- 22 public safety recommendations are currently being implemented
- Increases in first responder recruitment and retention rates
- Collaboration with community partners
- Focus on prevention, intervention, and trust-building



Fight Hunger

The Challenge

1 in 5 children face food insecurity

Our Response

Duval Care Coalition State of the Food Plan



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Results

- > \$1.7M invested in meals and elder care
- > \$200K to Feeding Northeast Florida
- > Thousands of meals delivered to seniors



Affordable Housing

The Challenge

Too many families are rent- and cost-burdened

Our Response

Housing Solutions strategy



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Results

- > 6,398 attainable housing built or approved
- > \$2M for first-time homebuyer assistance
- > Emergency rent relief prevented hundreds of evictions



Healthcare Access

The Challenge

Nearly 200,000 uninsured or underinsured

Our Response

Expanded access to care



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Results

- > \$8.7M funding increase
- > Uninsured population reduced by 34% in 2024
- > Thousands connected to care and telehealth



Literacy

The Challenge

Fewer than half of third graders are reading on grade level, making literacy a citywide priority.

Our Response

River City Readers and the Mayor's Book Club, expanding access to books and early literacy.



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Results

- More than 3 million minutes read citywide
- Duval County literacy scores above 50%
- Thousands of new library cardholders signed via the River City Readers Bookmobile
- Mayor's Book Club sending a free book each month to 4-year-olds



Small Business

The Challenge

Small businesses face barriers to accessing capital and city contracting opportunities.

Our Response

Revamping and improving the Jacksonville Small & Emerging Business (JSEB) Program.

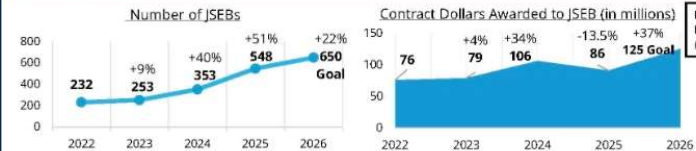


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Results

- > 624 contracts and purchase orders awarded
- > 548 certified JSEB firms
- > \$86 million in contract dollars awarded
- > 75 workshops and training sessions delivered to support business growth

FY25 JSEB ANNUAL REPORT



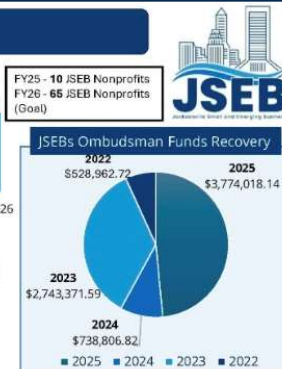
Awarded 624 JSEB Contracts & Purchase Orders for FY25

Capital Access Programs FY25

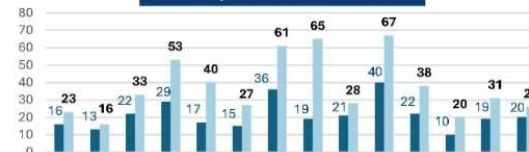
- Military Veteran Entrepreneurship Grants: 8K Awarded
- Small Business Capital Access Program (Micro-Grants): 150K Awarded
- JSEB Direct Capital Program: 200K Awarded

JSEB Program Enhancement FY25

- JSEB Application Process transitioned from manual to electronic.
- JSEB developed and leads Entrepreneurship Workforce Centers in multiple locations.



JSEBs in City Council Districts for FY 2025



Total Number of JSEB Workshops/Education FY25:
75 total - Stakeholder Events/Workshops/Training/Education

FY25 Legislative Advocacy & Ordinance Updates

- 2024-0953: Appointment to the JSEB Monitoring Committee
- 2025-0148: Provisions for Non-Profit Organizations
- 2025-0411: Funding amendment to JSEB Professional Services



Infrastructure

The Challenge

Keeping pace with growth while addressing infrastructure needs in underserved areas of the city

Results Since July 2023

- ✓ **283.64 miles** of roadway resurfaced, or rejuvenated
- ✓ **6** bridge repair or replacement completed
- ✓ **\$60.6M** invested in roadway resurfacing
- ✓ **36** bridge maintenance and guardrail repaired
- ✓ **\$9.8M** invested in sidewalk and curb construction and repair

Parks & Public Spaces

The Challenge

Improve access to public spaces across the city

Our Response

Riverfront and park investments

Results

Riverfront Plaza



Opened

RiversEdge Park



Opened

Friendship Fountain



Reopened

St. Johns River Park



Reopened

What's Next?

- 1 More attainable housing
- 2 Affordable healthcare
- 3 Access to healthy food
- 4 Infrastructure investment
- 5 Underserved neighborhoods

