



**Jacksonville
Urban League**

Community & Veterans Empowerment Center (CVEC)



OUR PURPOSE

The Community & Veterans Empowerment Center will serve as the new multipurpose technology-focused center, uniting economic mobility, health, community, and veteran activities under one roof. *Located in the heart of Durkeeville, Downtown, New Town, and Beaver Street Corridor.* The center is designed to revitalize a historic corridor, support local businesses, and restore a sense of pride and investment in a community shaped by disinvestment, resilience, and cultural heritage.

WHY THIS CENTER

Community & Economic Revitalization

- Creates full-time and part-time employment opportunities and upskilling support
- Creates a strong civic anchor that drives foot traffic and supports nearby businesses
- Provides benefits navigation, digital access, workforce counseling, and mental health support
- Serves one of the nation's largest veteran populations
- Delivers coordinated mental health resources
- Enhances community reintegration, employment pathways, and entrepreneurship support



CORE FEATURES AND EXPERIENCES



Workforce Development Services

- VR and tech-powered training lab
- Career coaching and job placement
- Certifications for high-demand industries
- Employer partnerships and hiring events



Entrepreneurship & Small Business Support

- Business incubator and mentorship
- Pitch sessions and coaching
- Capital and contracting navigation
- Flexible co-working and multipurpose space
- Housing education and referral services



Health & Wellness with a Veteran and Community Focus

- Behavioral health access and referrals
- Wellness and stress-management programs
- Peer-to-peer veteran support
- Outdoor healing and green-space features

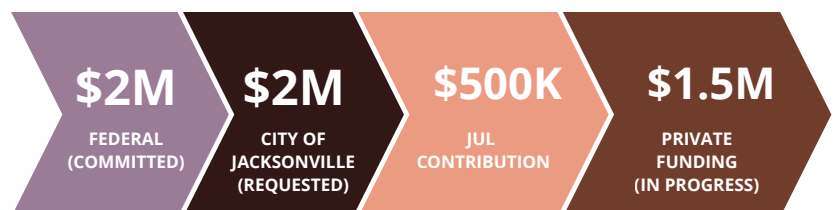
Veteran Experience Digital Exhibit

- Immersive, interactive storytelling
- Multimedia displays and oral histories

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- Modern gathering and fellowship space
- Meeting and training rooms
- On-site benefits assistance

FUNDING THE FUTURE: \$6M



A CENTER BUILT WITH THE COMMUNITY

This new multipurpose, technology-focused facility will serve as a launchpad for opportunity and community growth. It will bring together public and private partners to support community development projects, expand access to services and training, and foster a space where opportunity, empowerment, and healing converge.

The Jacksonville Urban League is a 501(c)(3) organization established in 1947 to help empower communities and change lives for the better.

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