Introduced by the Council President at the request of the Mayor:

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ORDINANCE 2025-378

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$1,000,000.00 UNSHELTERED SURVIVOR HOUSING RAPID FUNDING UNDER THE EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT PROGRAM FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, OFFICE OF SPECIAL NEEDS ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS (SNAPS) TO FUND VARIOUS SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES AIMED AT ADDRESSING AREAS AFFECTED BY A MAJOR HOMELESSNESS IN DISASTER AND THAT MEET THE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES THE RUSH PROGRAM, AS INITIATED BY 25-087; PROVIDING FOR CARRYOVER OF FUNDS TO FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027; PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

Section 1. Appropriation. For the 2024-2025 fiscal year, within the City's budget, there is hereby appropriated the indicated sum(s) from the account(s) listed in subsection (a) to the account(s) listed in subsection (b):

- (B.T. 25-087, attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** and incorporated herein by this reference):
 - (a) Appropriated from:

See B.T. 25-087

\$1,000,000.00

(b) Appropriated to:

See B.T. 25-087

\$1,000,000.00

(c) Explanation of Appropriation:

The funding above is an appropriation of \$1,000,000.00 in

Rapid Unsheltered Survivor Housing (RUSH) funding under the Emergency Solutions Grant program from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs. The overall grant term is two (2) years beginning February 4, 2025 and ending February 3, 2027. All grant funding must be expended by February 3, 2027. No City match is required.

Section 2. Purpose. The purpose of the appropriation in Section 1 is to provide funding for services and activities aimed at addressing homelessness due to impacts caused by Hurricanes Helene and Milton that meet RUSH program goals and objectives. This includes activities and services such as emergency shelter operations, rapid re-housing rental assistance, homelessness prevention activities, outreach, and other assistance to people experiencing or at-risk of homelessness. A portion of the RUSH funds will be used for costs associated with administration of the RUSH program. The Schedule of Proposed Funding detailing the proposed uses of RUSH funds is attached hereto as Exhibit 2 and incorporated herein by this reference. A copy of the grant award letter from HUD is attached hereto as Exhibit 3 and incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 3. Carryover. The funds appropriated in this Ordinance shall not lapse but shall carry over to fiscal year 2026-2027.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective without the Mayor's signature.