

1 Introduced by the Council President at the request of the Mayor:  
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4 **ORDINANCE 2026-542**

5 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE EXPENDITURE OF  
6 \$413,900.00 FROM THE HOMELESSNESS INITIATIVES  
7 SPECIAL REVENUE FUND, TO PROVIDE FUNDING TO I.M.  
8 SULZBACHER CENTER FOR THE HOMELESS, INC.  
9 ("SULZBACHER") TO INCREASE HOMELESS SHELTER  
10 CAPACITY IN DUVAL COUNTY AS MORE SPECIFICALLY  
11 DESCRIBED HEREIN; INVOKING THE EXEMPTION IN  
12 SECTION 126.108(G) (EXEMPTIONS FROM COMPETITIVE  
13 SOLICITATION), PART 1 (GENERAL REGULATIONS;  
14 ETHICS AND TRANSPARENCY IN PUBLIC CONTRACTING),  
15 CHAPTER 126 (PROCUREMENT CODE), *ORDINANCE CODE*,  
16 TO ALLOW FOR A DIRECT CONTRACT WITH SULZBACHER;  
17 WAIVING SECTION 118.107 (NONPROFITS TO RECEIVE  
18 FUNDING THROUGH A COMPETITIVE EVALUATED AWARD  
19 PROCESS), PART 1 (GENERAL PROVISIONS), CHAPTER  
20 118 (CITY GRANTS), *ORDINANCE CODE*, TO ALLOW FOR  
21 A DIRECT CONTRACT WITH SULZBACHER; APPROVING,  
22 AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, OR HER DESIGNEE, AND  
23 THE CORPORATION SECRETARY TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER  
24 ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE  
25 CITY OF JACKSONVILLE AND SULZBACHER; PROVIDING  
26 FOR OVERSIGHT BY THE JACKSONVILLE FIRE AND  
27 RESCUE DEPARTMENT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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29 **WHEREAS**, the Homelessness Initiatives Commission ("HIC") has  
30 recommended funding certain projects from the Homelessness  
31 Initiatives Special Revenue Fund (the "Fund") as set forth in the

1 2025-2026 Homelessness Reduction Plan adopted by the HIC, including  
2 the addition of female beds at the homeless shelter operated by I.M.  
3 Sulzbacher Center for the Homeless, Inc. ("Sulzbacher"); and

4 **WHEREAS**, the City now desires to provide an amount not to  
5 exceed \$413,900.00 in funding to Sulzbacher on a reimbursement basis  
6 to offset the costs of the addition of thirty-two female shelter beds  
7 as set forth in the Term Sheet and Budget attached hereto as **Exhibit**  
8 **1** and incorporated herein by this reference, for females who have  
9 received a VI SPDAT (Vulnerability Index Service Prioritization  
10 Decision Assistance Tool) housing assessment to determine intensity  
11 of need and appropriate housing type to get into housing and off the  
12 streets, including having direct staff available twenty-four hours a  
13 day and case management staff to ensure that these individuals are  
14 linked up to housing services, benefits, and access to healthcare;  
15 and

16 **WHEREAS**, in accordance with Ordinance 2026-139-E, any  
17 projects, programs, or initiatives in excess of \$100,000.00 being  
18 funded by disbursements from the Fund require prior City Council  
19 approval; now therefore

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

21 **Section 1. Approval of Funding from Homelessness**  
22 **Initiatives Special Revenue Fund.** The City Council hereby approves  
23 the disbursement of up to \$413,900.00 from the Homelessness  
24 Initiatives Special Revenue Fund, to provide funding to I.M.  
25 Sulzbacher Center for the Homeless, Inc. ("Sulzbacher") to offset  
26 costs of increased bed space at Sulzbacher's homeless shelter as more  
27 specifically described in the Term Sheet and Budget attached hereto  
28 as **Exhibit 1.**

29 **Section 2. Invoking the Exemption in Section 126.108(g),**  
30 **Ordinance Code.** The City is hereby authorized to directly procure  
31 the professional services of Sulzbacher to provide additional bed

1 capacity within its existing homeless shelter as described herein.  
2 Pursuant to Section 126.108(g) (Exemptions from competitive  
3 solicitation), Part 1 (General Regulations; Ethics and Transparency  
4 in Public Contracting), Chapter 126 (Procurement Code), *Ordinance*  
5 *Code*, such procurement is exempted from competitive solicitation  
6 because the supplies or services are to be provided by those  
7 specifically prescribed within authorizing legislation. With the  
8 exception of the foregoing, all other provisions of Chapter 126,  
9 *Ordinance Code*, shall remain in full force and effect.

10 **Section 3. Waiver of Section 118.107, *Ordinance Code*.** The  
11 provisions of Section 118.107 (Nonprofits to receive funding through  
12 a competitive evaluated award process), Part 1 (General Provisions),  
13 Chapter 118 (City Grants), *Ordinance Code*, are hereby waived to allow  
14 for direct contracts with Sulzbacher. This waiver is justified because  
15 Sulzbacher has extensive experience providing shelter services to  
16 those living unsheltered and are the most familiar with the unique  
17 needs of this population. Sulzbacher has provided the Affidavit of  
18 Disclosure required by subsection 118.107(b)(2), *Ordinance Code*,  
19 attached hereto as **Exhibit 2** to accompany this waiver.

20 **Section 4. Approval and Authorization to Execute.** There is  
21 hereby approved, and the Mayor, or her designee, and the Corporation  
22 Secretary are hereby authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of  
23 the City an agreement with Sulzbacher in an amount not-to-exceed  
24 \$413,900.00, subject to the Term Sheet and Budget attached hereto as  
25 **Exhibit 1** and incorporated herein by this reference, with a term  
26 commencing on July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, and all other  
27 contracts and documents, including extensions, renewals and  
28 amendments to the agreement, and to otherwise take all action  
29 necessary to effectuate the intent of this Ordinance, subject to  
30 appropriate legal review and approval by the General Counsel, or his  
31 or her designee, and the City's Risk Management Division for

