

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2026-0542

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council President at the Request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: June 23, 2026

Committee(s) of Reference: F, NCSPHS, R

Date of Analysis: June 24, 2026

Type of Action: Approve expenditure; invoke exemption in Section 126.208(G), *Ordinance Code*; *Ordinance Code* waiver; approve and authorize the Mayor to execute and deliver an agreement; provide for oversight

Bill Summary: This bill will approve the expenditure of \$413,900 from the Homelessness Initiatives Special Revenue Fund to provide funding to I.M. Sulzbacher Center for the Homeless, Inc., to increase homeless shelter capacity in Duval County. It invokes the exemption in Section 126.208(G) and waives Section 118.107, *Ordinance Code*, to allow a direct contract with the Sulzbacher Center. The bill approves and authorizes the Mayor to execute and deliver an agreement between the City and the Sulzbacher Center and provides for oversight by the Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department (JFRD).

Background Information: The Homelessness Initiatives Commission has recommended funding certain projects from the Homelessness Initiatives Special Revenue Fund per its 2025-2026 Homelessness Reduction Plan, including expansion of female beds at the shelter operated by the Sulzbacher Center. The City desires to provide an amount not to exceed \$413,900 on a reimbursement basis to offset the costs of adding 32 female shelter beds. The beds are intended for females who have received a VI SPDAT (Vulnerability Index Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool) housing assessment to determine the intensity of need and the appropriate housing type. This includes having direct staff available 24 hours a day and case management staff to ensure the individuals are linked to housing services, benefits, and healthcare access. Per Ordinance 2026-139-E, any projects, programs, or initiatives more than \$100,000 funded by disbursements from the Homelessness Initiatives Special Revenue Fund require City Council approval.

Policy Impact Area: Homelessness, Homelessness Initiatives Special Revenue Fund

Fiscal Impact: This bill expends \$413,900 from the Homelessness Initiatives Special Revenue Fund.

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