

1 Introduced by the Council President at the request of the Mayor:  
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4 **ORDINANCE 2026-499**

5 AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING A CONTINUATION GRANT;  
6 APPROPRIATING \$610,307.44 IN ANNUAL EMERGENCY  
7 SOLUTIONS GRANT ("ESG") FUNDING, INCLUDING  
8 \$610,007.00 FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING  
9 AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND \$300.44 IN  
10 REPROGRAMMED GRANT FUNDS, TO FUND VARIOUS  
11 SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES AIMED AT ADDRESSING  
12 HOMELESSNESS AND THAT MEET THE GOALS AND  
13 OBJECTIVES OF THE ESG PROGRAM, AS INITIATED BY  
14 B.T. 27-002; INVOKING THE EXEMPTION IN SECTION  
15 126.108(G) (EXEMPTIONS FROM COMPETITIVE  
16 SOLICITATION), PART 1 (GENERAL REGULATIONS;  
17 ETHICS AND TRANSPARENCY IN PUBLIC CONTRACTING),  
18 CHAPTER 126, (PROCUREMENT CODE), *ORDINANCE CODE*,  
19 TO ALLOW FOR A DIRECT CONTRACT WITH CHANGING  
20 HOMELESSNESS, INC.; WAIVING SECTION 118.107  
21 (NONPROFITS TO RECEIVE FUNDING THROUGH A  
22 COMPETITIVE EVALUATED AWARD PROCESS), PART 1  
23 (GENERAL PROVISIONS), CHAPTER 118 (CITY GRANTS),  
24 *ORDINANCE CODE*, TO ALLOW FOR A DIRECT CONTRACT  
25 WITH CHANGING HOMELESSNESS, INC.; APPROVING AND  
26 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, OR HER DESIGNEE, AND THE  
27 CORPORATION SECRETARY TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER ON  
28 BEHALF OF THE CITY AN EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT  
29 AGREEMENT WITH CHANGING HOMELESSNESS, INC. FOR  
30 THE PROVISION OF SERVICES DESCRIBED IN THIS  
31 ORDINANCE; APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR,

1 OR HER DESIGNEE, AND THE CORPORATION SECRETARY  
2 TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER, ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS  
3 RELATED TO THE PROPOSED USES OF GRANT FUNDS  
4 AUTHORIZED HEREIN; PROVIDING AUTHORIZATION FOR  
5 REALLOCATION OF GRANT FUNDS AS MORE PARTICULARLY  
6 DESCRIBED HEREIN; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE  
7 DATE.

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

10 **Section 1. Appropriation.** For the 2025-2026 fiscal year,  
11 within the City's budget, there is hereby appropriated the indicated  
12 sum(s) from the account(s) listed in subsection (a) to the account(s)  
13 listed in subsection (b):

14 (B.T. 27-002, attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** and incorporated herein  
15 by this reference):

16 (a) Appropriated from:

17 See B.T. 27-002 \$610,307.44

18 (b) Appropriated to:

19 See B.T. 27-002 \$610,307.44

20 (c) Explanation of Appropriation:

21 The funding above is an appropriation of \$610,307.44,  
22 including \$610,007.00 in annual grant funds from the U.S.  
23 Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") for  
24 the Emergency Solutions Grant ("ESG") program and \$300.44  
25 in reprogrammed grant funds. The City is required to match  
26 ESG funds with an equal amount of cash and/or non-cash  
27 contributions, which may include donated buildings,  
28 materials, and volunteer services. The City accomplishes  
29 this match requirement through programs and funding  
30 provided by the Social Services Division of the Parks,  
31 Recreation and Community Services Department. The ESG

1 program grant funds must be expended within 24 months after  
2 HUD signs the grant agreement.

3 **Section 2. Purpose.** The purpose of the appropriation in  
4 Section 1 is to provide funding for services and activities aimed at  
5 addressing homelessness and that meet ESG program goals and  
6 objectives. This includes activities and services that: (i) engage  
7 homeless individuals and families living on the street; (ii) improve  
8 the number and quality of emergency shelters for homeless individuals  
9 and families; (iii) help operate these shelters; (iv) provide  
10 essential services to shelter residents; (v) rapidly re-house  
11 homeless individuals and families; and (vi) prevent individuals and  
12 families from becoming homeless. A portion of the ESG funds will be  
13 used for costs associated with administration of the ESG program.  
14 The Schedule of Proposed Funding detailing the proposed uses of ESG  
15 funds is attached hereto as **Exhibit 2** and incorporated herein by this  
16 reference.

17 **Section 3. Invoking the exception to Section 126.108(g),**  
18 **Ordinance Code.** The City is hereby authorized to procure the use of  
19 the professional services of Changing Homelessness, Inc. for  
20 administration and oversight of the Homeless Management Information  
21 System for the ESG program. Pursuant to Section 126.108(g) (Exemptions  
22 from competitive solicitation), Part 1 (General Regulations; Ethics  
23 and Transparency in Public Contracting), Chapter 126 (Procurement  
24 Code), *Ordinance Code*, such procurement is exempted from competitive  
25 solicitation because the supplies or services are to be provided by  
26 those specifically prescribed within authorizing legislation that  
27 appropriates the same. With the exception of the foregoing, all other  
28 provisions of Chapter 126, *Ordinance Code*, shall remain in full force  
29 and effect.

30 **Section 4. Waiver of Section 118.107, Ordinance Code.** The  
31 provisions of Section 118.107 (Nonprofits to receive funding through

1 a competitive evaluated award process), Part 1 (General Provisions),  
2 Chapter 118 (City Grants), *Ordinance Code*, are hereby waived to allow  
3 for a direct contract with Changing Homelessness, Inc. This waiver  
4 is justified because Changing Homelessness, Inc. is the only entity  
5 able to provide administration and oversight of the Homeless  
6 Management Information System which is crucial to the program's  
7 continued success. Changing Homelessness, Inc. has provided the  
8 Affidavit of Disclosure required by subsection 118.107(b)(2),  
9 *Ordinance Code*, a copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit 3** and  
10 incorporated herein by this reference.

11 **Section 5. Approval and Authorization to Execute an**  
12 **Emergency Solutions Grant Agreement Between the City and Changing**  
13 **Homelessness, Inc.** The Mayor, or her designee, and the Corporation  
14 Secretary are hereby authorized to execute and deliver, for and on  
15 behalf of the City, an Emergency Solutions Grant Agreement with  
16 Changing Homelessness, Inc. (the "Agreement") in an amount not to  
17 exceed \$50,000.00, in a form approved by the Office General Counsel  
18 and the City's Risk Management Division, and all other contracts and  
19 documents, including extensions, renewals and amendments to the  
20 Agreement, and otherwise take all action necessary to effectuate the  
21 intent of this Ordinance, subject to appropriate legal review and  
22 approval by the Office General Counsel and the City's Risk Management  
23 Division for appropriate insurance and indemnification requirements  
24 in accordance with Section 128.601, *Ordinance Code*.

25 **Section 6. Approval and Authorization to Execute Documents.**  
26 There is hereby approved, and the Mayor, or her designee, and the  
27 Corporation Secretary are hereby authorized to execute and deliver  
28 any and all documents necessary to effectuate the purpose set forth  
29 in Section 2 above.

30 **Section 7. Authorization for Reallocation of Grant Funds.**  
31 In the event a sub-recipient is unable or unwilling to accept an

1 award of ESG funds, the funds may be reallocated to the next eligible  
2 awardee using the same method and criteria normally applied by the  
3 Jacksonville Housing and Community Development Commission for award  
4 of ESG funds.

5 **Section 8. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become  
6 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective  
7 without the Mayor's signature.

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9 Form Approved:

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12 Office of General Counsel

13 Legislation Prepared By: Joelle J. Dillard

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