

1 Introduced by the Council President at the request of the Mayor and
2 Co-Sponsored by Council Members Clark-Murray and Johnson and amended
3 by the Neighborhoods, Community Services, Public Health and Safety
4 Committee:

7 **ORDINANCE 2025-378-E**

8 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$1,000,000.00 IN
9 RAPID UNSHELTERED SURVIVOR HOUSING (RUSH)
10 FUNDING UNDER THE EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT
11 PROGRAM FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND
12 URBAN DEVELOPMENT, OFFICE OF SPECIAL NEEDS
13 ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS (SNAPS) TO FUND VARIOUS
14 SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES AIMED AT ADDRESSING
15 HOMELESSNESS IN AREAS AFFECTED BY A MAJOR
16 DISASTER AND THAT MEET THE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES
17 OF THE RUSH PROGRAM, AS INITIATED BY B.T.
18 25-087; PROVIDING FOR CARRYOVER OF FUNDS TO
19 FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027; WAIVING SECTION 118.107
20 (NONPROFITS TO RECEIVE FUNDING THROUGH A
21 COMPETITIVE EVALUATED AWARD PROCESS), PART 1
22 (GENERAL PROVISIONS), CHAPTER 118 (CITY GRANTS),
23 *ORDINANCE CODE*, TO ALLOW FOR A DIRECT CONTRACT
24 WITH CHANGING HOMELESSNESS, INC.; APPROVING, AND
25 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, OR HER DESIGNEE, AND THE
26 CORPORATION SECRETARY TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER ON
27 BEHALF OF THE CITY AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY
28 OF JACKSONVILLE AND CHANGING HOMELESSNESS, INC.
29 IN A NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$25,000 FOR THE
30 PROVISION OF DATA COLLECTION SERVICES; PROVIDING
31 FOR AN 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

1 hereto as **Exhibit 2** and incorporated herein by this reference. A copy
2 of the grant award letter from HUD is attached hereto as **Exhibit 3**
3 and incorporated herein by this reference.

4 **Section 3. Carryover.** The funds appropriated in this
5 Ordinance shall not lapse but shall carry over to fiscal year
6 2026-2027.

7 **Section 4. Waiver of Section 118.107, Ordinance Code.** The
8 provisions of Section 118.107 (Nonprofits to receive funding through
9 a competitive evaluated award process), Part 1 (General Provisions),
10 Chapter 118 (City Grants), *Ordinance Code*, are hereby waived to allow
11 for a direct contract with Changing Homelessness, Inc. This waiver
12 is justified because Changing Homelessness, Inc. is the only entity
13 able to provide administration and oversight of the Homelessness
14 Management Information System which facilitates coordination of
15 services among the various service providers which is a statutory
16 requirement for recipients and subrecipients of Emergency Solutions
17 Grant ("ESG") funds.

18 **Section 5. Approval and Authorization to Execute.** There is
19 hereby approved, and the Mayor, or her designee, and the Corporation
20 Secretary are hereby authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of
21 the City an agreement with Changing Homelessness, Inc. in an amount
22 not-to-exceed \$25,000 for data collection services pertaining to the
23 RUSH program and related ESG program funding appropriated herein, and
24 all other contracts and documents, including extensions, renewals and
25 amendments to the agreement, and to otherwise take all action
26 necessary to effectuate the intent of this Ordinance, subject to
27 appropriate legal review and approval by the General Counsel, or his
28 or her designee, and the City's Risk Management Division for
29 appropriate insurance and indemnification requirements in accordance
30 with Section 128.601, *Ordinance Code*.

31 **Section 6. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become

effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
without the Mayor's signature.

Form Approved:

/s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

Office of General Counsel

Legislation Prepared By: Joelle J. Dillard

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