

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION  
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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**Bill Type and Number:** Ordinance 2024-429

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

**Date of Introduction:** May 28, 2024

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

**Date of Analysis:** May 29, 2024

**Type of Action:** Appropriation and authorization of grant fund reallocation

**Bill Summary:** This bill is an appropriation of \$582,374 in annual grant funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) program. The bill authorizes the grant funds to be reallocated if a sub-recipient is unable or unwilling to accept an award of ESG funds.

**Background Information:** The purpose of this legislation is to provide funds for services for those experiencing homelessness and emergency services programs. The ESG program provides funding to: (1) engage homeless individuals and families living on the street; (2) improve the number and quality of emergency shelters for homeless individuals and families; (3) help operate these shelters; (4) provide essential services to shelter residents; (5) rapidly re-house homeless individuals and families; and (6) prevent families/individuals from becoming homeless. All funds must be expended within 24 months of the agreement.

These agencies are listed as the service providers for the grant funded ESG activities: Ability Housing, JASMYN, Catholic Charities, Sulzbacher (housing and shelter services), Family Promise of Jacksonville, and Changing Homelessness.

**Policy Impact Area:** Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) program

**Fiscal Impact:** Appropriation of \$582,374, the required City match ESG funds with an equal amount of cash and/or noncash contributions, and the City accomplishes this match requirement through programs and funding provided by the Social Services Division of the Parks and Recreation Department.

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