

1 Introduced by the Council President at the request of the Mayor:  
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4 **ORDINANCE 2024-426**

5 AN ORDINANCE EXPANDING THE USES OF EMERGENCY  
6 RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (ROUND TWO) ("ERA2  
7 PROGRAM") GRANT FUNDS FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT  
8 OF THE TREASURY, TO INCLUDE AFFORDABLE RENTAL  
9 HOUSING PURPOSES, AND EXTENDING THE LOCAL  
10 ADMINISTRATION OF THE ERA2 PROGRAM FROM  
11 SEPTEMBER 30, 2023 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2025, ALL AS  
12 PREVIOUSLY AUTHORIZED IN ORDINANCE 2023-148-E,  
13 AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE EMERGENCY RENTAL  
14 ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ESTABLISHED BY SECTION 501,  
15 DIVISION N, OF THE CONSOLIDATED APPROPRIATIONS  
16 ACT, 2021; PROVIDING FOR OVERSIGHT; PROVIDING AN  
17 EFFECTIVE DATE.  
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19 **WHEREAS**, grant funds have been made available to the City through  
20 a reallocation of Emergency Rental Assistance Program (Round Two)  
21 (the "ERA2 Program") grant funds by the U.S. Department of the  
22 Treasury ("Treasury") under Section 501(d), Division N, of the  
23 Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (the "Act"), in the amount of  
24 \$6,374,458.34 (the "ERA2 Funds"), of which \$4,374,458.34 has been  
25 allocated to the Housing and Community Development Division of the  
26 Neighborhoods Department and \$2,000,000.00 has been allocated to the  
27 Social Services Division of the Parks, Recreation and Community  
28 Services Department pursuant to Ordinance 2023-148-E; and

29 **WHEREAS**, Ordinance 2023-148-E appropriated the ERA2 Funds to be  
30 used for the provision of emergency rent and utility assistance on a  
31 short-term basis to eligible households in Duval County, Florida, to

1 prevent evictions and homelessness in accordance with the ERA2 Program  
2 established by the Act, and provided that the ERA2 Funds were  
3 authorized to be used through September 30, 2023;

4 **WHEREAS**, the Act and the guidance provided by Treasury provides  
5 that ERA2 Funds may be used for additional expenses and broader  
6 purposes than those set forth in Ordinance 2023-148-E, including  
7 certain eligible affordable rental housing purposes, and that such  
8 expenses may be incurred between March 13, 2020 through September 30,  
9 2025; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the City now desires to use the ERA2 Funds for such  
11 broader purpose including eligible affordable rental housing purposes  
12 through September 30, 2025; now therefore,

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

14 **Section 1. Purpose.** The purpose of the appropriation in  
15 Ordinance 2023-148-E is expanded so that the ERA2 Funds may be used  
16 for all lawful uses as set forth in the Act and the guidance provided  
17 by Treasury, including payment of rent, rent arrears, utilities and  
18 home energy costs, utilities and home energy costs arrears, affordable  
19 rental housing purposes and other expenses related to housing incurred  
20 by eligible households due, directly or indirectly, to the COVID-19  
21 pandemic, in compliance with the Act.

22 **Section 2. Administration of the ERA2 Program.** The City's  
23 local administration of the ERA2 Program is hereby extended so that  
24 it may be conducted through September 30, 2025.

25 **Section 3. Oversight Department.** The Social Services  
26 Division of the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department,  
27 and the Housing and Community Development Division of the  
28 Neighborhoods Department shall continue to oversee the administration  
29 and distribution of their respective allocations of ERA2 Funds in  
30 accordance with the Act.

31 **Section 4. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become

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

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4 Form Approved:

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6     /s/Joelle J. Dillard    

7 Office of General Counsel

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