

1 Introduced by the Council President at the request of the Mayor:

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4 **ORDINANCE 2020-555**

5 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$2,627,267.00 IN
6 CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF, AND ECONOMIC SECURITY
7 (CARES) PASS-THROUGH FUNDING DISTRIBUTED BY
8 FLORIDA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION (FHFC) TO,
9 AND TO BE ADMINISTERED BY, THE CITY OF
10 JACKSONVILLE TO PROVIDE HOUSING-RELATED
11 ASSISTANCE TO ELIGIBLE HOUSEHOLDS EXPERIENCING
12 HARDSHIPS BECAUSE OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, AS
13 INITIATED BY B.T. 20-111; APPROVING AND
14 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, OR HIS DESIGNEE, AND
15 THE CORPORATION SECRETARY TO EXECUTE AND
16 DELIVER ON BEHALF OF THE CITY THE CORONAVIRUS
17 RELIEF FUND (CRF) SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT AND
18 ANY RELATED AND SUBSEQUENT AGREEMENTS
19 ALLOCATING ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM FHFC;
20 PROVIDING FOR OVERSIGHT BY THE HOUSING AND
21 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION OF THE
22 NEIGHBORHOODS DEPARTMENT; REQUESTING ONE CYCLE
23 EMERGENCY PASSAGE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE
24 DATE.

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

27 **Section 1. Appropriation.** For the 2019-2020 fiscal year,
28 within the City's budget, there are hereby appropriated the
29 indicated sum(s) from the account(s) listed in subsection (a) to
30 the account(s) listed in subsection (b):

31 (B.T. 20-111 attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** and incorporated herein

1 by this reference)

2 (a) Appropriated from:

3 See B.T. 20-111 \$2,627,267.00

4 (b) Appropriated to:

5 See B.T. 20-111 \$2,627,267.00

6 (c) Explanation of Appropriation

7 The funding above is an appropriation of Coronavirus Aid,
8 Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) pass-through
9 funding distributed by Florida Housing Finance
10 Corporation to, and to be administered by, the City of
11 Jacksonville to provide housing-related assistance to
12 eligible households experiencing hardships because of the
13 COVID-19 pandemic. There is no match for these funds. Any
14 eligible activities that occur between March 1, 2020, and
15 December 30, 2020, are CRF eligible. All funds must be
16 expended by no later than December 30, 2020. All funds
17 that are not expended by December 30, 2020, will be
18 returned to Florida Housing Finance Corporation and in
19 turn to the U. S. Treasury Department.

20 **Section 2. Purpose.** The purpose of the appropriation in
21 Section 1 is to provide housing-related assistance to eligible
22 households experiencing hardships because of the COVID-19 pandemic.
23 The overarching requirement of all CARES funding is that it must be
24 spent on activities necessary due to the COVID-19 emergency.
25 Activities such as rental and mortgage assistance payments or
26 payments for emergency repairs (and related counseling) for persons
27 who have experienced hardships that prevent them from making these
28 payments are eligible uses. Beyond that, activities such as new
29 construction may be eligible if related specifically to a need
30 caused by the COVID-19 emergency and proposed to and approved by
31 Florida Housing Finance Corporation prior to implementation. Each

1 local government may use up to 10% for administrative costs as well
2 as reasonable delivery costs for services provided by third party
3 individuals or organizations that perform a required task that
4 local government cannot perform in the restricted timeframe without
5 assistance.

6 **Section 3. Approval and authorization.** There is hereby
7 approved, and the Mayor, or his designee, and the Corporation
8 Secretary are hereby authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of
9 the City the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) Subrecipient Agreement,
10 in substantially the same form placed **ON FILE** with the Office of
11 Legislative Services, and any related and subsequent agreements
12 allocating additional funds from FHFC.

13 **Section 4. Oversight.** The Housing and Community
14 Development Division of the Neighborhoods Department shall oversee
15 the Program.

16 **Section 5. Requesting one cycle emergency passage**
17 **pursuant to Council Rule 4.901 Emergency.** One cycle emergency
18 passage of this legislation is requested. The nature of the
19 emergency is that all funds must be fully expended by December 30,
20 2020.

21 **Section 6. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall become
22 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
23 without the Mayor's signature.

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25 Form Approved:

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27 /s/ James R. McCain, Jr.

28 Office of General Counsel

29 Legislation prepared by: James R. McCain, Jr.

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