

1 Introduced by the Council President at the request of the Mayor and  
2 amended by the Neighborhoods, Community Services, Public Health &  
3 Safety Committee:  
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6 **ORDINANCE 2020-491-E**

7 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$5,000,000.00 FROM  
8 THE HUD CDBG-DR IRMA FUNDING THROUGH THE  
9 FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY TO  
10 THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE CDBG-DR HURRICANE  
11 IRMA VOLUNTARY HOME BUYOUT PROGRAM TO ALLOW  
12 THE CITY TO ADDRESS DIRECTLY THE DAMAGE FROM  
13 HURRICANE IRMA BY REMOVING STRUCTURES THAT  
14 WERE IMPACTED BY STORM SURGE AND RIVERINE  
15 FLOODING, AS INITIATED BY REVISED B.T. 20-100;  
16 APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, OR HIS  
17 DESIGNEE, AND THE CORPORATION SECRETARY TO  
18 EXECUTE AND DELIVER ON BEHALF OF THE CITY THE  
19 FEDERALLY-FUNDED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK  
20 GRANT DISASTER RECOVERY (CDBG-DR) VOLUNTARY  
21 HOME BUYOUT PROGRAM SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT;  
22 PROVIDING FOR OVERSIGHT BY THE HOUSING AND  
23 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION OF THE  
24 NEIGHBORHOODS DEPARTMENT; PROVIDING AN  
25 EFFECTIVE DATE.  
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27 **BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

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

1 the account(s) listed in subsection (b):

2 (Revised B.T. 20-100 attached hereto as **Revised Exhibit 1**, labeled  
3 as "Revised Exhibit 1, Revised B.T. 20-100, August 31, 2020 -  
4 NCSPHS" and incorporated herein by this reference)

5 (a) Appropriated from:

6 See Revised B.T. 20-100 \$5,000,000.00

7 (b) Appropriated to:

8 See Revised B.T. 20-100 \$5,000,000.00

9 (c) Explanation of Appropriation

10 The funding above is an appropriation from the HUD CDBG-  
11 DR Irma Funding through the Florida Department of  
12 Economic Opportunity to the City of Jacksonville CDBG-DR  
13 Hurricane Irma Voluntary Home Buyout Program (the  
14 "Program") to allow the City to address directly the  
15 damage from Hurricane Irma by removing structures that  
16 were impacted by storm surge and riverine flooding.

17 **Section 2. Background.** One of the communities hardest  
18 hit by Hurricane Irma was the Ken Knight Drive Neighborhood in  
19 Washington Heights. This community has a very high concentration of  
20 individuals and families living at or below the poverty level. The  
21 homes in the community were built in the 1960s or earlier and are  
22 well below the base flood elevation. Very few, if any, of the  
23 properties were covered by flood insurance and nearly all of the  
24 properties were severely damaged by the flooding event. Given the  
25 condition of a majority of these structures, repairing the homes is  
26 not a feasible option.

27 **Section 3. Purpose.** The purpose of the appropriation in  
28 Section 1 is to allow the City to address directly the damage from  
29 Hurricane Irma by removing structures that were impacted by storm  
30 surge and riverine flooding through the Program. The Program will  
31 reduce future public costs associated with evacuation and rescue,

1 emergency shelter, temporary housing, home repairs, financial  
2 assistance, and debris removal services following tropical cyclone  
3 and flooding events. In addition, the Program will reduce the  
4 financial burden on taxpayers caused by having to fund repeatedly  
5 subsidized repairs of these properties that were built within the  
6 100-year floodplain. The Program will also remove current  
7 residents from immediate dangers as well as from the emotional and  
8 financial toll associated with future flooding events. Finally, the  
9 Program will provide the residents of the neighborhood the  
10 opportunity to obtain alternative, affordable housing outside of  
11 the floodplain. The properties acquired through the Program will be  
12 returned to green space, which will also improve local flood  
13 storage and conveyance, and will be deed-restricted so as to  
14 prohibit the building of new structures that inevitably would be  
15 damaged by future flooding.

16 **Section 4. Approval and authorization.** There is hereby  
17 approved, and the Mayor, or his designee, and the Corporation  
18 Secretary are hereby authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of  
19 the City the Federally-Funded Community Development Block Grant  
20 Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Voluntary Home Buyout Program  
21 Subrecipient Agreement, in substantially the same form placed **On**  
22 **File** with the Office of Legislative Services.

23 **Section 5. Oversight.** The Housing and Community  
24 Development Division of the Neighborhoods Department shall oversee  
25 the Program.

26 **Section 6. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall become  
27 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective  
28 without the Mayor's signature.

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30 Form Approved:  
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1 /s/ Paige H. Johnston

2 Office of General Counsel

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

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