

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2020-491

Sponsor: Council President at the request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: August 11, 2020

Committee(s) of Reference: NCSPHS, F

Date of Analysis: August 12, 2020

Type of Action: Appropriation

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

Background Information: This program will reduce future public costs associated with evacuation and rescue, emergency shelter, temporary housing, home repairs, financial assistance and debris removal services following tropical cyclone and flooding events in this neighborhood. This program will reduce the financial burden on taxpayers caused by having to repeatedly fund subsidized repairs of these properties that were built within the 1 DO-year floodplain. Additionally, this program would remove current residents from the immediate dangers as well as the emotional and financial toll associated with future flooding events. Lastly, this program will provide the residents of this neighborhood with the opportunity to obtain alternate affordable housing outside of the floodplain. Properties acquired through this program will be returned to green space which would improve local flood storage and conveyance. Acquired properties will be deed-restricted so as not to allow for new structures to be built that would inevitably be damaged by future flooding. The City will have two years from the time the contract with DEO is executed to complete this program.

Policy Impact Area: Funding for Hurricane Irma Relief

Fiscal Impact: \$5,000,000

Analyst: Distel