

1 Introduced by the Council President at the request of the Mayor and
2 Co-Sponsored by Council Member Clark-Murray and amended by the
3 Neighborhoods, Community Services, Public Health and Safety
4 Committee:

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7 **ORDINANCE 2023-148-E**

8 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$6,374,458.34 IN
9 REALLOCATED EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
10 (ROUND TWO) GRANT FUNDS FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT
11 OF THE TREASURY, AND ALLOCATING \$4,374,458.34 TO
12 THE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION
13 OF THE NEIGHBORHOODS DEPARTMENT AND \$2,000,000
14 TO THE SOCIAL SERVICES DIVISION OF THE PARKS,
15 RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT, TO
16 PROVIDE EMERGENCY RENT AND UTILITY ASSISTANCE TO
17 ELIGIBLE HOUSEHOLDS IN DUVAL COUNTY THROUGH
18 SEPTEMBER 30, 2023 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE
19 EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ESTABLISHED
20 BY SECTION 501, DIVISION N, OF THE CONSOLIDATED
21 APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2021, AS INITIATED BY
22 REVISED B.T. 23-054; PROVIDING FOR OVERSIGHT;
23 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

26 **Section 1. Appropriation.** For the 2022-2023 fiscal year,
27 within the City's budget, there are hereby appropriated the indicated
28 sum(s) from the account(s) listed in subsection (a) to the account(s)
29 listed in subsection (b):

30 (Revised B.T. 23-054 attached hereto as **Revised Exhibit 1**, labeled
31 as "Revised Exhibit 1, Rev B.T. 23-054, March 20, 2023 - NCSPHS" and

1 incorporated herein by this reference):

2 (a) Appropriated from:

3 See Revised B.T. 23-054 \$6,374,458.34

4 (b) Appropriated to:

5 See Revised B.T. 23-054 \$6,374,458.34

6 (c) Explanation of Appropriation

7 The funding above is an appropriation of additional
8 Emergency Rental Assistance Program (round two) (the "ERA2
9 Program") grant funds, made available to the City through
10 a reallocation of ERA2 Program grant funds by the U.S.
11 Department of the Treasury under Section 501(d), Division
12 N, of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (the
13 "Act"), in the amount of \$6,374,458.34 (the "ERA2 Funds"),
14 of which \$4,374,458.34 will be allocated to the Housing
15 and Community Development Division of the Neighborhoods
16 Department and \$2,000,000 will be allocated to the Social
17 Services Division of the Parks, Recreation and Community
18 Services Department for the provision of emergency rent
19 and utility assistance to eligible households in accordance
20 with the ERA2 Program established by the Act. No local
21 match is required.

22 **Section 2. Purpose.** The purpose of the appropriation in
23 Section 1 is to provide funds for emergency rent and utility
24 assistance on a short-term basis to eligible households in Duval
25 County, Florida to prevent evictions and homelessness. A portion of
26 the ERA2 Funds appropriated hereby will be allocated to the Social
27 Services Division of the Parks, Recreation and Community Services
28 Department for the provision of rent and utility assistance through
29 existing Social Services Division programs, with the remainder being
30 allocated to the Housing and Community Development Division of the
31 Neighborhoods Department for the provision of rent and utility

1 assistance through existing Housing and Community Development
2 Division programs. The Act provides that ERA2 Funds may be used for
3 payment of rent, rent arrears, utilities and home energy costs,
4 utilities and home energy costs arrears, and other expenses related
5 to housing incurred by eligible households due, directly or
6 indirectly, to the COVID-19 pandemic, between March 13, 2020 through
7 September 30, 2025. Distribution of the ERA2 Funds and local
8 administration of the ERA2 Program shall be conducted in compliance
9 with the Act for expenses incurred by eligible households in Duval
10 County through September 30, 2023. Copies of the award notification
11 from the U.S. Department of the Treasury and the Award Terms and
12 Conditions are attached hereto as **Exhibit 2** and incorporated herein
13 by this reference.

14 **Section 3. Oversight Department.** The Social Services
15 Division of the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department,
16 and the Housing and Community Development Division of the
17 Neighborhoods Department shall oversee the administration and
18 distribution of their respective allocations of ERA2 Funds in
19 accordance with the Act.

20 **Section 4. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become
21 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
22 without the Mayor's signature.

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24 Form Approved:

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26 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

27 Office of General Counsel

28 Legislation prepared by: Mary E. Staffopoulos

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