

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

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4 **ORDINANCE 2023-148**

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

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

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

28 (B.T. 23-054 attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** and incorporated herein  
29 by this reference):

30 (a) Appropriated from:

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

1 (b) Appropriated to:

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

3 (c) Explanation of Appropriation

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

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

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

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

17 **Section 4. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become  
18 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective  
19 without the Mayor's signature.

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21 Form Approved:

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23           /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos          

24 Office of General Counsel

25 Legislation prepared by: Mary E. Staffopoulos

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