

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

ORDINANCE 2025-402

AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING A CONTINUATION GRANT;
APPROPRIATING \$582,374.00 IN ANNUAL EMERGENCY
SOLUTIONS GRANT ("ESG") FUNDING FROM THE U.S.
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT TO
FUND VARIOUS SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES AIMED AT
ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS AND THAT MEET THE GOALS
AND OBJECTIVES OF THE ESG PROGRAM, AS INITIATED
BY B.T. 26-002; INVOKING THE EXEMPTION IN
SECTION 126.108(G) (EXEMPTIONS FROM COMPETITIVE
SOLICITATION), PART 1 (GENERAL REGULATIONS;
ETHICS AND TRANSPARENCY IN PUBLIC CONTRACTING),
CHAPTER 126, (PROCUREMENT CODE), *ORDINANCE CODE*,
TO ALLOW FOR A DIRECT CONTRACT WITH CHANGING
HOMELESSNESS, INC.; WAIVING SECTION 118.107
(NONPROFITS TO RECEIVE FUNDING THROUGH A
COMPETITIVE EVALUATED AWARD PROCESS), PART 1
(GENERAL PROVISIONS), CHAPTER 118 (CITY GRANTS),
ORDINANCE CODE, TO ALLOW FOR A DIRECT CONTRACT
WITH CHANGING HOMELESSNESS, INC.; APPROVING AND
AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, OR HER DESIGNEE, AND THE
CORPORATION SECRETARY TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER ON
BEHALF OF THE CITY AN EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT
AGREEMENT WITH CHANGING HOMELESSNESS, INC. FOR
THE PROVISION OF SERVICES DESCRIBED IN THIS
ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR THE MAYOR AND
CORPORATION SECRETARY TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER
DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THE AWARD; PROVIDING

AUTHORIZATION FOR REALLOCATION OF GRANT FUNDS AS
MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN; PROVIDING
FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

Section 1. Appropriation. For the 2025-2026 fiscal year,
within the City's budget, there is hereby appropriated the indicated
sum(s) from the account(s) listed in subsection (a) to the account(s)
listed in subsection (b):

(B.T. 26-002, attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** and incorporated herein
by this reference):

(a) Appropriated from:

See B.T. 26-002 \$582,374.00

(b) Appropriated to:

See B.T. 26-002 \$582,374.00

(c) Explanation of Appropriation:

The funding above is an appropriation of \$582,374.00 in
annual grant funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and
Urban Development ("HUD") for the Emergency Solutions Grant
("ESG") program. The City is required to match ESG funds
with an equal amount of cash and/or non-cash contributions,
which may include donated buildings, materials, and
volunteer services. The City accomplishes this match
requirement through programs and funding provided by the
Social Services Division of the Parks, Recreation and
Community Services Department. The ESG program grant funds
must be expended within 24 months after HUD signs the grant
agreement.

Section 2. Purpose. The purpose of the appropriation in
Section 1 is to provide funding for services and activities aimed at
addressing homelessness and that meet ESG program goals and

objectives. This includes activities and services that: (i) engage homeless individuals and families living on the street; (ii) improve the number and quality of emergency shelters for homeless individuals and families; (iii) help operate these shelters; (iv) provide essential services to shelter residents; (v) rapidly re-house homeless individuals and families; and (vi) prevent individuals and families from becoming homeless. A portion of the ESG funds will be used for costs associated with administration of the ESG program. The Schedule of Proposed Funding detailing the proposed uses of ESG funds is attached hereto as **Exhibit 2** and incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 3. Invoking the exception to Section 126.108(g), Ordinance Code. The City is hereby authorized to procure the use of the professional services of Changing Homelessness, Inc. for administration and oversight of the Homeless Management Information System for the ESG program. Pursuant to Section 126.108(g) (Exemptions from competitive solicitation), Part 1 (General Regulations; Ethics and Transparency in Public Contracting), Chapter 126 (Procurement Code), *Ordinance Code*, such procurement is exempted from competitive solicitation because the supplies or services are to be provided by those specifically prescribed within authorizing legislation that appropriates the same. With the exception of the foregoing, all other provisions of Chapter 126, *Ordinance Code*, shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 4. Waiver of Section 118.107, Ordinance Code. The provisions of Section 118.107 (Nonprofits to receive funding through a competitive evaluated award process), Part 1 (General Provisions), Chapter 118 (City Grants), *Ordinance Code*, are hereby waived to allow for a direct contract with Changing Homelessness, Inc. This waiver is justified because Changing Homelessness, Inc. is the only entity able to provide administration and oversight of the Homeless

1 Management Information System which is crucial to the program's
2 continued success.

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4 **Section 5. Approval and Authorization to Execute an**
5 **Emergency Solutions Grant Agreement Between the City and Changing**
6 **Homelessness, Inc.** The Mayor, or her designee, and the Corporation
7 Secretary are hereby authorized to execute and deliver, for and on
8 behalf of the City, an Emergency Solutions Grant Agreement with
9 Changing Homelessness, Inc. (the "Agreement") in an amount not to
10 exceed \$50,000.00, in a form approved by the Office General Counsel
11 and the City's Risk Management Division, and all other contracts and
12 documents, including extensions, renewals and amendments to the
13 Agreement, and otherwise take all action necessary to effectuate the
14 intent of this Ordinance, subject to appropriate legal review and
15 approval by the Office General Counsel and the City's Risk Management
16 Division for appropriate insurance and indemnification requirements
17 in accordance with Section 128.601, Ordinance Code.

18 **Section 6. Execution of Documents.** The Mayor, or her
19 designee, and the Corporation Secretary are hereby authorized to
20 execute and deliver any and all documents necessary to effectuate the
21 purpose set forth in Section 2 above.

22 **Section 7. Authorization for Reallocation of Grant Funds.**
23 In the event a sub-recipient is unable or unwilling to accept an
24 award of ESG funds, the funds may be reallocated to the next eligible
25 awardee using the same method and criteria normally applied by the
26 Jacksonville Housing and Community Development Commission for award
27 of ESG funds.

28 **Section 8. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become
29 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
30 without the Mayor's signature.

Form Approved:

Office of General Counsel

Legislation Prepared By: Joelle J. Dillard

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