

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2023-339

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council President at the request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: May 23, 2023

Committee(s) of Reference: NCSPHS, F

Date of Analysis: May 22, 2023

Type of Action: Appropriation and authorization of grant fund reallocation

Bill Summary: This bill is an appropriation of \$572,658 in annual grant funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) program. The bill authorizes the grant funds to be reallocated if a sub-recipient is unable or unwilling to accept an award of ESG funds.

Background Information: The purpose of this legislation is to provide funds for services for those experiencing homelessness and emergency services programs. The ESG program provides funding to: (1) engage homeless individuals and families living on the street; (2) improve the number and quality of emergency shelters for homeless individuals and families; (3) help operate these shelters; (4) provide essential services to shelter residents; (5) rapidly re-house homeless individuals and families; and (6) prevent families/individuals from becoming homeless.

These agencies are listed as the service providers for the grant funded ESG activities: Ability Housing, JASMYN, Catholic Charities, Sulzbacher (housing and shelter services), Family Promise of Jacksonville, and Changing Homelessness.

Policy Impact Area: Emergency Solutions Grant program

Fiscal Impact: Appropriation of \$572,658 as initiated by B.T. 24-004, equal City match of an equal amount of cash and/or non-cash contributions is required and the obligation is met through programs and funding provided by the Social Services Division of the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department

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