

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

7 **ORDINANCE 2025-402-E**

8 AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING A CONTINUATION GRANT;  
9 APPROPRIATING \$602,328.00 IN ANNUAL EMERGENCY  
10 SOLUTIONS GRANT ("ESG") FUNDING FROM THE U.S.  
11 DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT TO  
12 FUND VARIOUS SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES AIMED AT  
13 ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS AND THAT MEET THE GOALS  
14 AND OBJECTIVES OF THE ESG PROGRAM, AS INITIATED  
15 BY REVISED B.T. 26-002; INVOKING THE EXEMPTION  
16 IN SECTION 126.108(G) (EXEMPTIONS FROM  
17 COMPETITIVE SOLICITATION), PART 1 (GENERAL  
18 REGULATIONS; ETHICS AND TRANSPARENCY IN PUBLIC  
19 CONTRACTING), CHAPTER 126, (PROCUREMENT CODE),  
20 *ORDINANCE CODE*, TO ALLOW FOR A DIRECT CONTRACT  
21 WITH CHANGING HOMELESSNESS, INC.; WAIVING  
22 SECTION 118.107 (NONPROFITS TO RECEIVE FUNDING  
23 THROUGH A COMPETITIVE EVALUATED AWARD PROCESS),  
24 PART 1 (GENERAL PROVISIONS), CHAPTER 118 (CITY  
25 GRANTS), *ORDINANCE CODE*, TO ALLOW FOR A DIRECT  
26 CONTRACT WITH CHANGING HOMELESSNESS, INC.;  
27 APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, OR HER  
28 DESIGNEE, AND THE CORPORATION SECRETARY TO  
29 EXECUTE AND DELIVER ON BEHALF OF THE CITY AN  
30 EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT AGREEMENT WITH  
31 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):

(Revised B.T. 26-002, attached hereto as **Revised Exhibit 1**, labeled as "Revised Exhibit 1, Rev B.T. 26-002, June 16, 2025 - NCSPHS" and incorporated herein by this reference):

(a) Appropriated from:

See Revised B.T. 26-002	\$602,328.00
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(b) Appropriated to:

See Revised B.T. 26-002	\$602,328.00
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(c) Explanation of Appropriation:

The funding above is an appropriation of \$602,328.00 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

1 agreement.

2 **Section 2. Purpose.** The purpose of the appropriation in  
3 Section 1 is to provide funding for services and activities aimed at  
4 addressing homelessness and that meet ESG program goals and  
5 objectives. This includes activities and services that: (i) engage  
6 homeless individuals and families living on the street; (ii) improve  
7 the number and quality of emergency shelters for homeless individuals  
8 and families; (iii) help operate these shelters; (iv) provide  
9 essential services to shelter residents; (v) rapidly re-house  
10 homeless individuals and families; and (vi) prevent individuals and  
11 families from becoming homeless. A portion of the ESG funds will be  
12 used for costs associated with administration of the ESG program.  
13 The Schedule of Proposed Funding detailing the proposed uses of ESG  
14 funds is attached hereto as **Revised Exhibit 2**, labeled as "Revised  
15 Exhibit 2, Rev Sched, June 16, 2025 - NCSPHS" and incorporated herein  
16 by this reference. A copy of the grant award letter from HUD is  
17 attached hereto as **Exhibit 3** and incorporated herein by this  
18 reference.

19 **Section 3. Invoking the exception to Section 126.108(g),**  
20 **Ordinance Code.** The City is hereby authorized to procure the use of  
21 the professional services of Changing Homelessness, Inc. for  
22 administration and oversight of the Homeless Management Information  
23 System for the ESG program. Pursuant to Section 126.108(g)  
24 (Exemptions from competitive solicitation), Part 1 (General  
25 Regulations; Ethics and Transparency in Public Contracting), Chapter  
26 126 (Procurement Code), *Ordinance Code*, such procurement is exempted  
27 from competitive solicitation because the supplies or services are  
28 to be provided by those specifically prescribed within authorizing  
29 legislation that appropriates the same. With the exception of the  
30 foregoing, all other provisions of Chapter 126, *Ordinance Code*, shall  
31 remain in full force and effect.

1           **Section 4.           Waiver of Section 118.107, Ordinance Code.** The  
2 provisions of Section 118.107 (Nonprofits to receive funding through  
3 a competitive evaluated award process), Part 1 (General Provisions),  
4 Chapter 118 (City Grants), *Ordinance Code*, are hereby waived to allow  
5 for a direct contract with Changing Homelessness, Inc. This waiver  
6 is justified because Changing Homelessness, Inc. is the only entity  
7 able to provide administration and oversight of the Homeless  
8 Management Information System which is crucial to the program's  
9 continued success.

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

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

29           **Section 7.           Authorization for Reallocation of Grant Funds.**  
30 In the event a sub-recipient is unable or unwilling to accept an  
31 award of ESG funds, the funds may be reallocated to the next eligible

awardee using the same method and criteria normally applied by the Jacksonville Housing and Community Development Commission for award of ESG funds.

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

Form Approved:

/s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

Office of General Counsel

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