

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2023-0441

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

Date of Introduction: July 25, 2023

Committee(s) of Reference: Finance, NCSPHS, TEU

Date of Analysis: July 27, 2023

Type of Action: Appropriation of funds, providing oversight

Bill Summary: The bill appropriates \$2,392,309.57 from the U.S. Department of the Treasury's second round of the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP2). The funds are to be allocated to the Community Development Fund's Miscellaneous Grants and Aids account. These funds will provide emergency rent and utility assistance to eligible households in Duval County until September 30, 2025. The bill provides for oversight by the Housing and Community Development Division of the Neighborhoods Department.

Background Information: The Consolidated Appropriation Act, 2021 requires the U.S. Department of the Treasury to begin reallocating unused ERAP2 funds to eligible grantees. These funds aim to provide short-term emergency rent and utility assistance to eligible households in Duval County, to prevent evictions and homelessness due to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. Funds may be used for payment of rent, rent arrears, utilities, home energy costs, related arrears, and other housing-related expenses incurred by eligible households from March 13, 2020, through September 30, 2025. No City match was required for the grant.

Policy Impact Area: Emergency rental and utility assistance

Fiscal Impact: Appropriation of \$2,392,309.57 of federal grant funding.

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