

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION  
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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**Bill Type and Number:** Ordinance 2020-0257

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

**Date of Introduction:** May 12, 2020

**Committee(s) of Reference:** F, NCSPHS

**Date of Analysis:** May 12, 2020

**Type of Action:** Appropriation of Funds; establishing additional authority

**Bill Summary:** The bill appropriates funds in the sum of \$552,683.00 that was received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) program administered by the Housing and Community Development Division. 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
- (6) Prevent families/individuals from becoming homeless

The transfer of these funds will be as follows:

<b>From:</b>	<b>To:</b>
<b>Subfund Title:</b> Emergency Solutions Grant	<b>Subfund Title:</b> Emergency Solutions Grant
<b>Activity/Grant Title:</b> Emergency Solutions Grant 20-21	<b>Activity/Grant Title:</b> ESG 20-21 Administration
<b>Line Item:</b> Contributions from HUD	<b>Line Item:</b> Multiple Line Items (eleven (11) in total)
<b>Amount:</b> \$552,683.00	<b>Amount:</b> \$552,683.00 (total of eleven (11) line items)

In the event a sub21 recipient is unable or unwilling to accept an award of funds, the funds shall be reallocated to the next eligible awardee using the same method and criteria applied by the Commission.

**Background Information:** The appropriation comprises of annual Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to be administered pursuant to 24 CFR 576.100(c). The funds being appropriated within this legislation will be spent towards activities that meet the stated program goals. The City does not contribute general funds to the administration of this program and any positions are authorized and funded through the grant.

**Policy Impact Area:** Urban development; Emergency Solutions Grant;

**Fiscal Impact:** The City of Jacksonville must obligate all funds, except for the amount designated for administrative costs, within 180 days after HUD signs the grant agreement. All grant funds must be expended within 24 months after HUD signs the grant agreement. Further obligation and expenditure requirements are specified at 24 CFR 576. The City of Jacksonville is required to match ESG funds with an equal amount of cash and/or noncash 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 and Recreation Department.

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