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MAYOR**

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**NOTICE TO PUBLIC
PROPOSED USE OF HUD ESG RUSH FUNDS**

On January 10, 2025, the Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs announced that Jacksonville-Duval County would receive a special allocation of the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) to address the needs of individuals and families experiencing homelessness or are at-risk of homelessness in areas affected by a major disaster declared area pursuant to the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.) This special allocation of "Rapid Unsheltered Survivor Housing" (RUSH) funding under the ESG Program aims to address homelessness in areas affected by disasters by filling gaps in federal assistance.

The City has been awarded an allocation of \$1,000,000 in RUSH funding. Funds will be used for approved services to address the needs of individuals or families who are homeless or at risk of homelessness within the President's major disaster declarations dated September 28, 2024, DR-4828-FL, for Hurricane Helene, and October 11, 2024, DR-4834-FL, for Hurricane Milton.

The plan is to distribute ESG RUSH funds as follows:

Proposed Activity	Proposed Funding Amount	% of Funds
Rapid Re-housing	\$310,000.00	31%
Street Outreach	\$5,000.00	0.5%
Emergency Shelter	\$585,000.00	58.5%
Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)	\$25,000.00	2.5%
Program Administration	\$75,000.00	7.5%

As of the publishing date of this notice these proposed activities to be funded with ESG RUSH have yet to occur.

To receive ESG RUSH funds, the City of Jacksonville must submit for HUD's approval, a substantial amendment to the 2024 Annual Action Plan. A copy of the substantial amendment can be viewed/ downloaded from the City's Housing and Community Development Division's website: <https://www.jacksonville.gov/departments/planning-and-development/housing-and-community-development.aspx>. For more information, contact the Housing and Community Development Division by email at HCDDCOMMENTS@COJ.NET.

This public notice satisfies the requirements described in the ESG RUSH Notice published in the Federal Register on July 18, 2024, which requires the City to publish the proposed uses for the ESG RUSH allocation, at a minimum, on the internet, at the appropriate government website or through other electronic media.

Pursuant to the American with Disabilities Act, accommodations for persons with disabilities are available upon request. Please allow 1-2 business days notification to process; last minute requests will be accepted but may not be possible to fulfill. Please contact Disabled Services Division at: V(904) 255-5472, TTY-(904) 255-5475, or email your request to karat@coj.net. If any non-English speaking persons wish to attend the workshops and require a translator, please notify the Housing and Community Development Division at (904) 255-8200 in advance so accommodations may be made.

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