



Public Service Grant Council

February 28, 2025

Dr. Joy Gorham Hervey  
Chair

The Honorable Randy White  
President, Jacksonville City Council  
117 West Duval Street, Suite 425  
Jacksonville, FL 32202

Pablo Diaz de Sandi  
Vice-Chair

Dear Council President:

Shamika Baker Wright

**RE: FYE 2026 Public Service Grant Council's Priority Needs Recommendations**

Latrice Carmichael

On behalf of the Public Service Grant Council (PSGC), I thank you for the opportunity to join with our nonprofit partners. This funding ensures vital human services are available to our most vulnerable population (MVPs) to meet their needs. The City Council has demonstrated its commitment to meeting these community needs.

James Croft

The PSGC works to focus on continuous education related to community needs and collaborates with agencies to improve the funding and application process. We continue to host workshops and collaborative meetings with subcommittees and full PSG Council members, along with experts in our city's nonprofit sector, to evaluate the effectiveness and the alignment of our current approach and its impact. We are willing to meet with City Council members and the Mayor's Administration to provide information and answer questions concerning the PSGC Most Vulnerable Persons and Needs Continuum Framework and the value of increased funding.

Dr. Thomas Geismar

The MVP and Needs Continuum Framework demonstrates the many ways nonprofits help impact those facing the most immediate need. Based on our research, this framework allows agencies to position their organizations in the categories that best represent their impact on the community.

Nicloe Hamm

In accordance with 118.804, the PSGC has performed its due diligence in thoroughly assessing the needs of the community. It has done so by inviting the community to provide input as well as gathering information from the following expert organizations, studies and reports: JCCI, Nonprofit Center of Northeast Florida, Jessie Ball duPont Fund, The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida, United Way of Northeast Florida, Health Planning Council of Northeast Florida, Catalyst Northeast Florida, Community Health Assessment 2023, Duval County ALICE Report 2023, GeoDataVision Community Needs Assessment, Mayor's Budget Address, and City Council 2024 Strategic Plan Priorities.

Daniel Henry

The PSGC believes the following structure will provide us with the means to address a myriad of issues including housing, health, food and other necessities. The following is recommended for the upcoming grant year:

Dr. Mai Keisling

Linda King

Taylor Mejja Roberts

Yildirim Sivar

Leofric Thomas, Jr.

Susan A. Ticker

Andrew Williams, Jr.

**Most Vulnerable Persons and Needs (MVP) Categories:**

- A. Acute
- B. Prevention and Diversion
- C. Self-Sufficiency and Stability
- D. PSG Neighborhood Mini Grant Program

**Percentage of Funds appropriated by City Council to be allocated to each category:**

- A. **Acute:** The recommended percentage of available funding allocated to this category: 35%
- B. **Prevention and Diversion:** The recommended percentage of available funding allocated to this category: 30%
- C. **Self-Sufficiency and Stability:** The recommended percentage of available funding allocated to this category: 35%
- D. **PSG Neighborhood Mini Grant Program:** The percentage of available funding to this category shall be 0% of the Public Service Grant Council budgeted funds due to the funds for the PSG Neighborhood Mini Grant Program being requested for appropriation separately from the normal Public Service Grant Council award/budget process.

**Award Funding under Chapter 118, Part 8 or Chapter 126:**

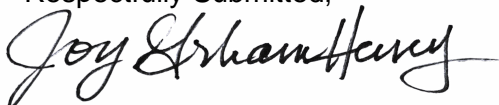
Public Service Grant funding for categories A-C: Chapter 118, Part 8  
PSG Neighborhood Mini Grant Program for category D: Chapter 126

**Evaluation Criterion:**

The PSG Council reviewed the assignment of points to the evaluation criterion described in Section 118.807(c) and recommends no changes.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this recommendation, please contact me at [drjhervey@gmail.com](mailto:drjhervey@gmail.com) or Yildirim "Alex" Sivar, MVP Committee chair at [yildirim.sivar@gmail.com](mailto:yildirim.sivar@gmail.com).

Respectfully Submitted,



Dr. Joy Gorham Hervey, Chair  
**Public Service Grant Council**

cc: Mayor Donna Deagan  
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