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**Opioid and
Substance Use
Disorder Grants
Committee**

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RE: FY 2024-2025 Opioid Settlement Proceeds Grants Program Funded Categories

Council President,

On behalf of the Opioid and Substance Use Disorder (OSUD) Grants Committee, I want to thank you for this opportunity to assist in the disbursement of the City of Jacksonville's opioid settlement funds through the Opioid Settlement Proceeds Grants (OSPG) Program. These funds give the City of Jacksonville the opportunity to stymie the effects of the opioid crisis that have ravaged our community, state, and nation as a whole.

Currently, the committee and the opioid abatement team is in the process of finalizing contracts for the inaugural OSPG Program cycle. We are pleased with the expediency of getting these funds to the organizations that are doing the crucial work in the prevention of opioid use disorder (OUD) as well as in treatment and recovery support for those with opioid use disorder. We look forward to seeing the impact of these programs and continuing to fund evidence-based, innovative programs that we feel will best serve our community's needs in regard to OUD and co-occurring substance use and mental health disorders.

On February 26, 2024, the OSUD Grants Committee met to discuss the percentage allocations for the funded categories for the FY 2024-2025 grant cycle. The committee recommends maintaining the following percentage allocations for the upcoming grant cycle: Prevention (34%), Treatment (33%), and Recovery (33%). These percentages will be applied to the OSPG Program budget once appropriated in April 2024. The committee looks forward to evaluating the inaugural cycle's programs and utilizing that information to inform our recommendations for future grant cycles.

If you should want to discuss these recommendations, please contact Madelaine Zarou, Opioid Abatement Manager, at mazarou@coj.net.

Respectfully submitted,

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