



Public Service Grant Council

February 10, 2026

Pablo Díaz de Sandi,
Chair

The Honorable Kevin Carrico
President, Jacksonville City Council
117 West Duval Street, Suite 425
Jacksonville, FL 32202

Daniel Henry,
Vice-Chair

Dear Council President:

Shamika Baker Wright

RE: FYE 2027 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.

Dr. Thomas Geismar

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.

Nicole Hamm

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.

Dr. Joy Gorham Hervey

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 allowing the community to provide input as well as gathering information from the following expert organizations, studies and reports: 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, Florida Department of Health, State of JAX, Catalyst Northeast Florida, Duval County ALICE Report, StateofJax.org, Needs Assessment Data Report by Chief of Analytics and the Mayor’s Budget Address.

Linda King

The PSGC believes the following structure will provide us with the means to address a myriad of issues including housing affordability, access to healthcare, and economic instability (food, childcare, employment, education and transportation). The following is recommended for the upcoming grant year:

Liz Foraker Klein

Taylor Mejia Roberts

Yildirim Sivar

Susan A. Ticker

Dr. Dogan Tozoglu

Andrew Williams, Jr.

Most Vulnerable Persons and Needs (MVP) Categories:

- A. Acute
- B. Prevention and Diversion
- C. Self-Sufficiency and Stability

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: 30%
- B. **Prevention and Diversion:** The recommended percentage of available funding allocated to this category: 35%
- C. **Self-Sufficiency and Stability:** The recommended percentage of available funding allocated to this category: 35%

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

Public Service Grant funding for categories A-C: Chapter 118, Part 8

Evaluation Criteria:

The PSG Council reviewed the assignment of points to the evaluation criteria described in Section 118.807(c) and recommends the following adjustments:

- (1) Community Need and Target Audience (maximum 20 points); *previously 15 points*
- (2) Agency Background, Staff and Board Experience (maximum 15 points); *previously 15*
- (3) Program Management Expertise and Evaluation (maximum 20 points); *previously 30*
- (4) Program Activities (maximum 15 points); *previously 10*
- (5) Program Budget and Fiscal Policies (maximum 15 points); *previously 15*
- (6) Quality of Program Overall (maximum 15 points); *previously 15*

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this recommendation, please contact me at pdiazdesandi@gmail.com or Yildirim "Alex" Sivar, MVP Committee chair at yildirim.sivar@gmail.com.

Respectfully Submitted,



Pablo Diaz de Sandi, Chair
Public Service Grant Council

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