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RE: FY 2023 Public Service Grant Council's Priority Needs Recommendations

Dear Council President Newby:

On behalf of the Public Service Grant Council (PSGC), allow me to thank you for another opportunity to join with our non-profit partners in ensuring the delivery of vital human services to our most vulnerable citizens (MVPs) to meet their needs.

Over the past year, we have sought to facilitate effective processes for the fulfilment of public service funds. This included ensuring we have sufficient representation in the number of PSG council members who are not only diverse in background, but competent and open to standardized training and scoring processes.

The PSGC continued to work diligently over the last year to look for ways to both educate and collaborate with our partners to improve both the funding and application process. We continued to host workshops and collaborative meetings with subcommittee and full PSG Council members, along with experts in our City's non-profit sector, for purposes of receiving data and analysis to continue effectively aligning our approach for the greatest impact. Additionally, we continued our efforts to meet with all city council members and Mayor's Administrative Officers to help inform and answer questions concerning the PSGC Most Vulnerable Persons and Needs Continuum Framework and increase in funding.

This past year we implemented the innovative approach to the MVP and Needs Continuum Framework. Based on feedback from our non-profit agencies to date, the new framework proved sufficient in allowing them to position their organizations in categories that best represented their impact. Funding approved for the 2020-2021 grant year did not reveal any adverse impact on the categories.

The PSGC recommends that we maintain the same categories for the upcoming grant year. They are as follows: Acute (30%), Prevention (40%), and Self-Sufficiency (30%). The percentages have been thoroughly vetted, and these new levels and maintaining the categories for another year will provide us with additional data and impact analysis. Additionally, a Micro-Grant Pilot Program category was added to assist those small emerging organizations. We hope to fund this category through separate legislation but wish to add it to the Framework.

I have attached a document outlining some of the outcomes our funded organizations will have on these categories during the upcoming year. If you should want to discuss these proposals or the attachment further, please do not hesitate to contact me at either 904-349-0731 or <u>bbaldwin@elevatejacksonville.org.</u>

Respectfully Submitted,

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