Introduced by the Council President at the request of the Mayor and Co-Sponsored by Council Member Lahnen and amended by the Rules Committee:

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## ORDINANCE 2024-551-E

AN ORDINANCE REGARDING THE PUBLIC SERVICE GRANT COUNCIL; AMENDING SECTIONS 118.806 (APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS), 118.807 (REVIEW, EVALUATION AND SCORING OF APPLICATIONS BY PSG COUNCIL), AND 118.808 (FUNDING ALLOCATIONS BY THE PSG COUNCIL; GRANT AWARD LIMITATIONS), PART 8 (PUBLIC SERVICE GRANTS), CHAPTER 118 (CITY GRANTS), ORDINANCE CODE, TO REVISE THE DEADLINES BY WHICH THE PUBLIC SERVICE GRANT COUCIL MAY CONDUCT INTERVIEWS, FORWARD COMPLETED SCORE SHEETS TO THE GRANTS ADMINISTRATOR, ANNOUNCE RANKINGS AND ALLOCATE FUNDING; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION INSTRUCTIONS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

Section 1. Amending Sections 118.806 (Application Requirements), 118.807 (Review, evaluation and scoring applications by PSG Council), and 118.808 (Funding Allocations by the PSG Council; Grant Award Limitations), Part 8 (Public Service Grants), Chapter 118 (City Grants), Ordinance Code. Sections 118.806 (Application Requirements), 118.807 (Review, evaluation and scoring of applications by PSG Council), and 118.808 (Funding Allocations by the PSG Council; Grant Award Limitations), Part 8 (Public Service Grants), Chapter 118 (City Grants), Ordinance Code, are hereby amended to read as follows:

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## CHAPTER 118 - CITY GRANTS

## PART 8. - PUBLIC SERVICE GRANTS

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Sec. 118.806. - Application Requirements.

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Interviews. The PSG Council may, in its sole discretion, conduct (d) interviews of requesting agencies in a category regarding their respective Public Service Grant applications. If the PSG Council elects to interview one requesting agency in a category of Most Vulnerable Persons and Needs, the PSG Council shall also interview the other requesting agencies in said category. Any interviews conducted by the PSG Council pursuant to this Section shall be after the grant application deadline but prior to October 1the third Tuesday in September of each year. The PSG Council shall notify the requesting agency of the place and time of the interviews. Such interviews shall be conducted in the sunshine and for the sole purpose of the requesting agency verbally explaining, clarifying or justifying to the PSG Council information contained any in the requesting application. A requesting agency shall not add any new written information or materials to its application, or present any new written information or materials to the PSG Council regarding its application, during such interviews.

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## Sec. 118.807. - Review, evaluation and scoring of applications by PSG Council.

a) Scoring Committees; Deadline. The PSG Council may create a scoring committee for each category of Most Vulnerable Persons and Needs and all grant applications belonging to such category shall be reviewed, scored and evaluated by said committee,

provided however that no application shall be scored by fewer than three members of the PSG Council. Members may be assigned by the Chair to more than one scoring committee established for a given category; however, the same group of Members (three or assigned to a scoring committee must more) score application assigned to the committee for review. If a Member is unable to review, score and evaluate all of the applications assigned to a scoring committee, the Chair shall assign a new Member to replace such Member. The score sheets for any application completed by any such replaced Member shall not be used and the new assigned Member shall independently review, evaluate and score the applications assigned to such scoring committee. Members shall review, score and evaluate applications and forward completed score sheets for each application to the Grants Administrator on October 1 the third Tuesday in September of each year.

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Tentative Adoption of Rankings by PSG Council. The PSG Council shall announce the rankings for each application belonging to a Priority Population or Priority Need at a meeting in the first full week of October of on the day after the City's annual budget is adopted each year and adopt a tentative ranking and funding allocation list. Copies of each requesting agency's completed score sheets, together with any other support information or application scorer justification from the regarding the application score, shall be made available to requesting agencies at such meeting. A requesting agency will also be notified in writing by the Grants and Contract Compliance Division of its application score and ranking. A requesting agency may appeal a score sheet or ranking decision made pursuant to this Part through the appeals procedure set forth in Section

118.810.

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Sec. 118.808. - Funding Allocations by the PSG Council; Grant Award Limitations.

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- Final Funding Allocations. After the City Council adopts the (b) annual budget ordinance and on November 1 of by the second Friday of October each year, the PSG Council shall allocate funding to requesting agencies based on the application scoring and rankings pursuant to this Part in an amount not to exceed the appropriation for Public Service Grants contained in the annual budget ordinance. The PSG Council's final funding allocations shall be adopted by the PSG Council at a public meeting following the tentative adoption required in Section 118.807(d) and the appeals procedures outlined in Section 118.810. Upon final adoption of the funding allocations by the PSG Council, the Public Service Grant recipients shall execute an agreement between the recipient and the City in accordance with Section 118.201 of this Chapter. The PSG Council shall forward a complete list of Public Service Grant recipients and funding allocations to the Council Auditor's office, the Office of the Mayor, the City Council and the Director of the Finance and Administration Department.
- Section 2. Codification Instructions. The Codifier and the Office of General Counsel are authorized to make all chapter and division "tables of contents" consistent with the changes set forth herein. Such editorial changes and any others necessary to make the Ordinance Code consistent with the intent of this legislation are approved and directed herein, and changes to the Ordinance Code shall be made forthwith and when inconsistencies are discovered.
- Section 3. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective

without the Mayor's signature.

Form Approved:

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/s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

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