



February 13, 2024

The Honorable Ronald Salem
President, Jacksonville City Council
117 West Duval Street, Suite 420
Jacksonville, FL 32202

**RE: FY 2025 Public Service Grant Council's
Priority Needs Recommendations**

Dear Council President:

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

We continually work to improve the fulfillment of public service funds. The PSG Council members represent a diverse background and are committed to our community. This fiscal year, with the approval of the City Council, we launched a new application focused on the impact of services.

The PSGC works to educate ourselves on community needs and collaborates with agencies to improve the funding and application process. We continued 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 Administrative Officers to provide information and answer questions concerning the PSGC Most Vulnerable Persons and Needs Continuum Framework and the value of increased funding.

The MVP and Needs Continuum Framework demonstrates the many ways nonprofits impact those facing difficulties and needing assistance. Based on our research, this framework allows agencies to position their organizations in the categories best representing their impact on the community.

The PSGC recommends maintaining the following allocations for the upcoming grant year. They are: Acute (30%), Prevention (40%), Self-Sufficiency (30%), and the Micro-Grant Pilot program (funded at \$200,000.) The percentages will be applied to the PSG funds after subtracting the Micro Grants funding of \$200,000. The PSGC reviewed the percentages, and this structure will provide us with the means to address myriad issue including homelessness, mental health, wellness, hunger, safety, and more. The Micro-Grant, a pilot program shared with Kids Hope Alliance (KHA), was added in FY2022/23 to assist small emerging organizations.

If you should want to discuss this proposal, please contact Jaclyn Blair, PSG Vice Chair and the MVP sub-committee chair at jbclair@coj.net.

Respectfully Submitted,

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