

Public Service Grant Council

February 24, 2023



The Honorable Terrance Freeman
President, Jacksonville City Council
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**RE: FY 2024 Public Service Grant Council's
Priority Needs Recommendations**

Dear Council President Freeman:

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 fulfillment 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 evaluate the effectiveness and the alignment of our current approach and it's 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 continued to implement the innovative approach to the MVP and Needs Continuum Framework. This year we either reviewed reports or had speakers from The Health Planning Council, The Community Foundation, The United Way of Northeast Florida, The COJ Quality of Life Study, COJ Disabled Services, 904Ward, and Blue Zones. Our evaluation from these meeting indicated that the framework is sufficient in allowing agencies to position their organizations in categories that best represented their impact.

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

I have attached a document outlining some of the outcomes our funded organizations will have on these categories during this. If you should want to discuss these proposals or the attachment further, please do not hesitate to contact me at either 904-537-3645 or bmixon@earthlink.net.

Respectfully Submitted,

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