

Public Service Grant Council

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Ms. Brown:

On behalf of the Public Service Grant (PSG) Council, I would like to present our Annual 2019 Report of Activities. This year was filled with many exciting accomplishments, which included several pieces of legislation, first-time grant applicants and new PSG members. In addition, there are three sub-committees; Most Vulnerable Persons and Services, Budget, and Rules, which are charged with concerns and/or recommendations to the current PSG process which includes changes to Chapter 118.

The PSG Council currently meets at 2:00 P.M. every second Wednesday on the 8th Floor in Conference Room 851 of the Ed Ball Building. Thanks to both the Mayor's Office and City Council, the PSG Council membership is currently at 11 members (listed left) leaving only four (4) vacant Mayoral Appointee seats open. These members represent a diverse cross-section of Jacksonville's community, which is imperative in the decision making process.

Throughout this fiscal year, we have held 31 PSG Council and Committee meetings to address the way we view our community's most vulnerable persons and the method by which our application process addresses the current non-profit sector's overall organizational reality. We have worked diligently with the CEO's of our community's non-profits in creating a new approach to categorical application submittals to reflect the Continuum that exists in the non-profit sector culminating in new legislation. We are most grateful for the support of our PSG Council Liaison Councilmember Joyce Morgan, the City Councilmembers, and the Mayor and his administration who have furthered the transparency of the PSG process. Monthly and annual trainings have been facilitated by staff to ensure there is clarity and one message. We continue to operate an Appeals Board which is led by Mr. Damian Cook, Procurement, OGC and myself. The effectiveness of these modifications can best be assessed by our outcomes: reduced amount of calls and concerns from the community; and an increase in smaller non-profit organizations having an opportunity to compete for funding. We have received rave reviews from several City Councilmembers, the Mayor's Administration, and the non-profit agencies regarding the team effort approach to changes that have been made.

We shared incredible outcomes that have resulted from PSGC funding and non-profits effectiveness in further leveraging the City's dollars. We are optimistic that the Mayor and City Council will embrace our requests based upon these improvements and increase our funding. It is my great honor to serve, please do not hesitate to contact me at (904) 501-6622.

Best regards,



Lara Diettrich, Chair
Public Service Grant Council