



**PUBLIC SERVICE GRANT (PSG) COUNCIL**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Ed Ball Building, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, Board Room**  
**October 10, 2025 (9:00 – 11:00 a.m.)**

<b>PSG Council Member Attendance</b>			
<b>P</b>	<b>Dr. Joy Gorham Hervey, Chair</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Dr. Mai Keisling</b>
<b>P</b>	<b>Pablo Diaz de Sandi, Vice Chair</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Linda King</b>
<b>P</b>	<b>Shamika Baker Wright<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>A</b>	<b>Taylor Mejia Roberts</b>
<b>P</b>	<b>Nicole Hamm<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Susan Ticker</b>
<b>P</b>	<b>Latrice Carmichael</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>Yildirim “Alex” Sivar</b>
<b>E</b>	<b>James Croft</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Leofric Thomas, Jr.<sup>(2)</sup></b>
<b>P</b>	<b>Dr. Thomas Geismar</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Andrew Williams, Jr.</b>
<b>P</b>	<b>Daniel Henry<sup>(1)</sup></b>		

(1)Arrived after the agenda was approved. (2)Arrived after the agenda and minutes were approved.

**P = Present V = Present (Virtual) E = Excused A = Absent**

**Quorum Present:** Yes

**Staff Present:** (GCCD Staff) Maribel Figueroa, Jeneen Hampton, Nicoa Garrett,  
Robin Carter-Tanks & Melissa Haussman  
(OGC) Ashley Smith  
(Council Liaison) Michael Boylan

**I. Call To Order & Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Chair Hervey and introductions were made. A quorum was established.

**II. Public Comment:** None

**III. Approval of Agenda**

Upon motion by Thomas Geismar, seconded by Susan Ticker, the agenda was unanimously approved as presented.

**IV. Approval of Minutes from September 8 and 24, 2025**

Upon motion by Linda King, seconded by Daniel Henry, the minutes of September 8 and 24, 2025, were unanimously approved as written.



## V. Committee Reports

- A. **Budget Committee:** Chair Diaz de Sandi reported that funding was appropriated in the amount of \$7 million for PSG (Categories A-C) and \$200,000 for Micro-Grants (Category D).
- B. **Rules Committee:** Chair Henry advised that the Rules Committee will be meeting October 14. All are encouraged to attend even if you are not on the committee. If you will not be present and would like to provide input, please send to Ms. Hampton.
- C. **Most Vulnerable Person (MVP) Committee:** Chief Figueroa advised that the committee plans to meet in November.
- D. **Outreach Ad Hoc Committee:** Vice-Chair Ticker advised that a meeting is scheduled for the end of the month.

## VI. Old Business

### A. FY2025 4Q Programmatic Report Data

1. UNF: Ms. Ticker provided information to Dr. Dumont and is waiting until the data is available (December/January). Chief Figueroa advised that the data is needed by end of January to include in the annual funding request and MVP recommendation.
2. JU Public Policy Institute: Ms. Carmichael advised that she spoke with the Assistant Director of the Public Policy Institute who asked for more information. They will post and see if anyone is interested.
3. Data Analytics: Mr. Diaz de Sandi advised that he schedule set up a meeting with the City's Data Officer. He also advised that The Nonprofit Center of Northeast Florida is establishing a new database with non-profit impact data.

## VII. New Business

### A. FY 2026 Grants

1. PSG Appeals Board Results: Ms. Hampton reported that the PSG Appeals Board met on October 7. Six agencies appealed (8 programs), and of those, 5 were granted and three were denied.
2. Final Rankings Approval: Acute Category 35% of funding (\$2,450,000); Prevention and Diversion Category, 30% of funding (\$2,100,000); Self-Sufficiency and Stability, 35% of funding (\$2, 450,000). Total funding: \$7,000,000

Upon motion by Shamika Baker Wright, seconded by Nicole Hamm, the final ranking for the **Acute** category was approved as follows:



City of Jacksonville, Florida  
Donna Deegan, Mayor

2025-2026 PSG FINAL RANKINGS: ACUTE (35%)

Final Rank	MVP Category	Agency	Program	Geismar	Keisling	Croft	Hervey	Williams	Average Score	Adjusted Average Score	Requested Amount	Final Award Amount	24% of 3 Year Average Revenue
1	Acute	I.M. Sulzbacher Center for the Homeless, Inc.	Sulzbacher Community Meals	100	95	100	71	98	93	98.25	\$ 125,000	\$ 125,000	\$ 5,190,923.52
2	Acute	Jacksonville Area Legal Aid, Inc.	Imminent Homelessness Intervention Program	98	98	98	90	100	97	96.8	\$ 124,999	\$ 124,999	\$ 1,813,537.12
3	Acute	We Care Jacksonville, Inc.	Acute Access to Specialty Care for Uninsured Adults	96	89	99	91	96	94	94.2	\$ 125,000	\$ 125,000	\$ 319,745.04
4	Acute	Lutheran Social Services of Northeast Florida, Inc.	LSS Food Pantry	100	91	94	90	95	94	94	\$ 125,000	\$ 125,000	\$ 2,540,126.80
5	Acute	BEACHES EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE MINISTRY, INC.	Food Assistance Program	100	84	100	88	95	93	93.4	\$ 125,000	\$ 125,000	\$ 1,101,629.44
6	Acute	Here Tomorrow, Inc.	Funded Therapy	100	96	94	85	92	93	93.4	\$ 125,000	\$ 125,000	\$ 650,605.12
7	Acute	Clara White Mission, Inc.	Comprehensive Emergency Services	93	84	92	64	100	87	92.25	\$ 125,000	\$ 125,000	\$ 639,461.28
8	Acute	Downtown Ecumenical Services Council	Help Hub	97	87	90	57	92	85	91.5	\$ 87,000	\$ 87,000	\$ 472,139.52
9	Acute	Mission House, Inc.	Crisis Care	97	86	90	85	96	91	90.8	\$ 125,000	\$ 125,000	\$ 387,402.16
10	Acute	Youth Crisis Center	House of Hope	95	83	93	80	100	90	90.2	\$ 124,948	\$ 124,948	\$ 1,216,953.92
11	Acute	Operation New Hope	Ready4Work Transitional Housing	96	88	95	79	90	90	89.6	\$ 125,000	\$ 125,000	\$ 2,367,602.88
12	Acute	Hubbard House, Inc.	Emergency Shelter & Services Program	98	93	92	75	90	90	89.6	\$ 125,000	\$ 125,000	\$ 1,523,802.40
13	Acute	Five S.T.A.R. Veterans Center, Inc.	Passport To Independence	100	88	90	79	91	90	89.6	\$ 125,000	\$ 125,000	\$ 305,648.56
14	Acute	JACKSONVILLE AREA SEXUAL MINORITY YOUTH NETWORK, INC.	Mental Health Enhancement Program	89	91	95	95	100	90	89.6	\$ 125,000	\$ 125,000	\$ 665,152.16
15	Acute	Women's Center of Jacksonville, Inc.	Mental Health Counseling	92	84	92	84	94	89	89.2	\$ 125,000	\$ 125,000	\$ 741,068.40
16	Acute	Mandarin United Methodist Church, Inc.	Mandarin United Methodist Church Summer Camp	92	47	85	47	97	74	88.5	\$ 125,000	\$ 125,000	\$ 552,597.44
17	Acute	Young Men's Christian Association of Florida's First Coast, Inc.	Military Outreach Program	95	81	90	44	87	79	88.25	\$ 124,938	\$ 124,938	\$ 10,806,562.48
18	Acute	Pine Castle Inc.	Critical Nursing Services for Individuals with IDD	91	90	90	77	88	87	87.2	\$ 125,000	\$ 125,000	\$ 1,645,170.24
19	Acute	Ronald McDonald House Charities of Jacksonville	Keeping Families Close	96	83	91	57	74	80	86	\$ 125,000	\$ 125,000	\$ 705,044.76
20	Acute	Volunteers in Medicine Jacksonville, Inc.	Health Care for Working Uninsured Adults	87	83	94	73	88	85	85	\$ 125,000	\$ 113,115	\$ 696,894.72
21	Acute	The LJD Jewish Family & Community Services, Inc.	Max Block Food Pantry	86	77	85	72	75	79	79	\$ 125,000	\$ -	\$ 4,575,515.92
22	Acute	V for Victory of Florida Inc	Critical Home Support Services	93	63	90	61	82	78	77.8	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ 232,173.36
											\$ 2,686,985	\$ 2,450,000	

Total Appropriated PSG Funding for FY2026: \$7,000,000

Upon motion by Daniel Henry, seconded by Pablo Diaz de Sandi, the final ranking for the **Self-sufficiency and Stability** category was approved as follows:

2025-2026 PSG FINAL RANKINGS: SELF-SUFFICIENCY AND STABILITY (35%)

Final Rank	MVP Category	Agency	Program	Sivar	King	Wright	Thomas	Hamm	Average Score	Adjusted Average Score	Requested Amount	Final Award Amount	24% of 3 Year Avg Revenue
1	Self-Sufficiency and Stability	Literacy Alliance of Northeast Florida, Inc.	Workforce Literacy Foundations	94	98	93	100	99	97	96.8	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 205,203.76
2	Self-Sufficiency and Stability	We Care Jacksonville, Inc	Health & Wellness Self-Sufficiency Program	96	95	93	96	100	96	96	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 319,745.04
3	Self-Sufficiency and Stability	Jacksonville Area Legal Aid, Inc.	Disability Benefits Self-Sufficiency Program	92	98	94	95	100	96	95.8	\$ 124,992.00	\$ 124,992.00	\$ 1,813,537.12
4	Self-Sufficiency and Stability	I.M. Sulzbacher Center for the Homeless, Inc.	Sulzbacher Aftercare	93	97	86	100	100	95	95.2	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 5,190,923.52
5	Self-Sufficiency and Stability	Operation New Hope	Ready4Work Career Development	88	98	95	92	100	95	94.6	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 2,367,602.88
6	Self-Sufficiency and Stability	Youth Crisis Center	Touchstone Village Transitional Living Program	99	99	81	99	99	94	93.8	\$ 92,900.00	\$ 92,900.00	\$ 1,216,953.92
7	Self-Sufficiency and Stability	Level the Playing Field Leadership Academy	Game Changers	86	91	96	100	96	94	93.8	\$ 46,905.12	\$ 46,902.24	\$ 45,902.24
8	Self-Sufficiency and Stability	The Arc Jacksonville, Inc.	Community Engagement for Adults with IDD	90	94	89	100	95	94	93.6	\$ 124,991.98	\$ 124,991.98	\$ 2,533,676.32
9	Self-Sufficiency and Stability	The Salvation Army	Hope Crossing	90	93	95	100	89	93	93.4	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 1,874,495.60
10	Self-Sufficiency and Stability	ABILITY HOUSING, INC.	Northeast Florida Villages Program	93	93	91	90	100	93	93.4	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 2,458,612.32
11	Self-Sufficiency and Stability	Episcopal Children's Services, Inc.	Family Advocacy Program	91	92	90	97	96	93	93.2	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 25,525,862.64
12	Self-Sufficiency and Stability	Pine Castle Inc.	Service Crew Apprenticeship Training Program	90	92	93	98	93	93	93.2	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 1,645,170.24
13	Self-Sufficiency and Stability	Five S.T.A.R. Veterans Center, Inc.	Weaver Mental Wellness Program	89	92	85	100	98	93	92.8	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 305,648.56
14	Self-Sufficiency and Stability	JACKSONVILLE AREA SEXUAL MINORITY YOUTH NETWORK, INC.	Next Step Housing: Pathways to Independence for Youth	91	94	82	100	93	92	92	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 665,152.16
15	Self-Sufficiency and Stability	Prisoners of Christ, Inc.	Residential Reentry Program	88	91	89	98	55	84	91.5	\$ 77,340.00	\$ 77,340.00	\$ 154,915.52
16	Self-Sufficiency and Stability	The LJD Jewish Family & Community Services, Inc.	Financial Assistance Case Management	87	89	84	95	100	91	91	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 4,575,515.92
17	Self-Sufficiency and Stability	North Florida School of Special Education	Project STRIVE	90	96	74	97	97	91	90.8	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 1,775,634.80
18	Self-Sufficiency and Stability	Fresh Ministries, Inc.	Career Lift by LifePoint Career Institute	85	92	93	93	88	90	90.4	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 922,687.68
19	Self-Sufficiency and Stability	Young Men's Christian Association of Florida's First Coast, Inc.	Chronic Disease Prevention and Control	96	86	90	94	86	90	90.4	\$ 124,941.56	\$ 124,941.56	\$ 10,806,562.48
20	Self-Sufficiency and Stability	Lutheran Social Services of Northeast Florida, Inc.	Steps 2 Success	96	91	84	95	86	90	90.4	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 2,540,126.80
21	Self-Sufficiency and Stability	Beyond90	Support Services for Legal Refugees	83	92	90	98	89	90	90.4	\$ 72,917.12	\$ 72,917.12	\$ 72,917.12
22	Self-Sufficiency and Stability	Beaches Council on Aging, Inc	Dial-a-Ride	85	91	71	96	98	88	88.2	\$ 99,050.00	\$ 36,015.10	\$ 122,487.76
23	Self-Sufficiency and Stability	Goodwill Industries of North Florida, Inc.	The Corner at Debs Store - Health Study	83	95	78	98	84	88	87.6	\$ 125,000.00	\$ -	\$ 13,233,744.88
24	Self-Sufficiency and Stability	Trusting Him Inc	The Overlooked Workforce: Building Stability for Vulnerable Adults with Autism	80	89	87	100	79	87	87	\$ 150,000.00	\$ -	\$ 410,641.92
25	Self-Sufficiency and Stability	The Performers Academy	Strength Through Stability Program	81	90	76	98	59	81	86.25	\$ 109,230.00	\$ -	\$ 109,529.92
26	Self-Sufficiency and Stability	V for Victory of Florida Inc	Transportation Stability Support	74	89	77	81	69	78	78	\$ 100,000.00	\$ -	\$ 232,173.36
											\$ 3,023,267.78	\$ 2,450,000	

Total Appropriated PSG Funding for FY2026: \$7,000,000

Upon motion by Pablo Diaz de Sandi, seconded by Thomas Geismar, the final ranking for the **Prevention and Diversion** category was approved as follows.



2025-2026 PSG FINAL RANKINGS: PREVENTION AND DIVERSION (30%)

Final Rank	MVP Category	Agency	Program	Carmichael	Diaz	Henry	Roberts	Ticker	Average Score	Adjusted Average Score	Requested Amount	Final Award Amount	24% of 3 Year Avg Revenue
1	Prevention and Diversion	Jacksonville Area Legal Aid, Inc.	Financial Instability Prevention Program	100	100	94	100	96	98	98	\$ 124,996.00	\$ 124,996.00	\$ 1,813,537.12
2	Prevention and Diversion	Lutheran Social Services of Northeast Florida, Inc.	Rep Payee Case Management	100	100	84	100	91	97	97	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 2,540,126.80
3	Prevention and Diversion	Hubbard House, Inc.	Outreach Program	100	95	95	99	93	96	96.4	\$ 51,000.00	\$ 61,000.00	\$ 1,523,802.40
4	Prevention and Diversion	The LJD Jewish Family & Community Services, Inc.	Emergency Financial Assistance	99	97	93	100	93	96	96.4	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 4,575,515.92
5	Prevention and Diversion	Here Tomorrow, Inc.	Certified Peer Support	99	100	88	100	93	96	96	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 650,605.12
6	Prevention and Diversion	Volunteers in Medicine Jacksonville, Inc.	Women's Wellness Specialty Healthcare	100	95	90	99	96	96	96	\$ 124,955.00	\$ 124,955.00	\$ 696,894.72
7	Prevention and Diversion	J.M. Sulzbacher Center for the Homeless, Inc.	Case Management for Homeless Men	99	95	89	100	96	96	95.8	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 5,190,923.52
8	Prevention and Diversion	Daniel Memorial, Inc.	Project Launch Program for Homeless Young Adults	98	100	90	100	91	96	95.8	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 4,895,858.80
9	Prevention and Diversion	The Arc Jacksonville, Inc.	Life Path and Guardianship for Adults with IDD	96	100	94	100	85	96	95.8	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 2,533,676.32
10	Prevention and Diversion	Vision Is Priceless Council, Inc.	Adult Vision Healthcare Program	97	100	87	100	95	96	95.8	\$ 98,689.00	\$ 98,689.00	\$ 218,624.96
11	Prevention and Diversion	Trinity Rescue Mission Inc	WCC Family Continuity Program	100	98	88	100	93	96	95.8	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 443,398.24
12	Prevention and Diversion	Episcopal Children's Services, Inc.	Safe Beginnings: Home-Based Trauma-Informed Care for Expectant and New Mothers	99	88	97	99	94	95	95.4	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 25,525,862.64
13	Prevention and Diversion	Jacksonville Speech and hearing Center, Inc.	Audiology Program	98	100	89	100	90	95	95.4	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 542,058.16
14	Prevention and Diversion	Operation New Hope	Ready4Work Case Management	99	100	88	97	92	95	95.2	\$ 124,848.00	\$ 124,848.00	\$ 2,387,602.88
15	Prevention and Diversion	The Salvation Army	Financial Assistance	99	100	89	98	89	95	95	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 1,874,495.60
16	Prevention and Diversion	Downtown Ecumenical Services Council	Emergency Financial Assistance for Homeless Prevention	100	95	85	95	94	94	93.8	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 472,138.52
17	Prevention and Diversion	BEACHES EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE MINISTRY, INC.	Emergency Financial Assistance to Prevent Homelessness	93	100	90	93	90	93	93.2	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 1,101,629.44
18	Prevention and Diversion	NAMI Jacksonville Florida, Inc.	Family Mental Health Support	96	93	87	98	90	93	92.8	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 75,512.00	\$ 207,537.04
19	Prevention and Diversion	North Florida Office of Public Guardian, Inc.	North Florida Office of Public Guardian, Inc.	98	92	86	100	87	93	92.6	\$ 125,000.00	\$ -	\$ 418,078.80
20	Prevention and Diversion	JACKSONVILLE AREA SEXUAL MINORITY YOUTH NETWORK, INC.	LinkUp	99	95	92	96	81	93	92.6	\$ 125,000.00	\$ -	\$ 665,152.16
21	Prevention and Diversion	DBWFC, Inc	See the Girl: Justice Reimagined	96	80	95	97	93	92	92.2	\$ 125,000.00	\$ -	\$ 506,986.76
22	Prevention and Diversion	2nd Mile Ministries, Inc.	As We Gather	93	95	87	100	86	92	92.2	\$ 75,939.95	\$ -	\$ 100,784.80
23	Prevention and Diversion	Angel Kids Foundation	Pathways to Potential: Early Testing & Navigation for Underserved Families in Jacksonville	99	82	85	99	92	91	91.4	\$ 100,000.00	\$ -	\$ 121,774.96
24	Prevention and Diversion	REBUILDING EX-OFFENDERS SUCCESSFULLY THROUGH OPPORTUNITIES REHABILITATION & EDUCATION, INC	Optimism to the Future for Justice-Involved Women	98	95	87	91	86	91	91.4	\$ 74,324.00	\$ -	\$ 74,324.24
25	Prevention and Diversion	We Care Jacksonville, Inc	Cancer Prevention, Education, and Vital Screenings	100	90	83	90	93	91	91.2	\$ 50,000.00	\$ -	\$ 319,745.04
26	Prevention and Diversion	Gateway Community Services Inc.	Trauma Services	98	90	89	92	85	91	90.8	\$ 67,000.00	\$ -	\$ 5,621,362.48
27	Prevention and Diversion	The Performers Academy	The Opportunity Project in Prison	98	93	83	98	79	90	90.2	\$ 108,030.00	\$ -	\$ 109,529.92
28	Prevention and Diversion	Pine Castle Inc.	Preventing Social Isolation for Adults with IDD	98	85	83	98	84	90	89.6	\$ 125,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,645,170.24
29	Prevention and Diversion	Prisoners of Christ, Inc.	Life Skills	96	77	85	98	80	87	87.2	\$ 77,340.00	\$ -	\$ 154,915.52
30	Prevention and Diversion	Yoga 4 Change	Beyond Survival: Mind-Body Wellness for Duval Seniors	95	72	85	99	85	87	87.2	\$ 124,301.75	\$ -	\$ 211,716.96
31	Prevention and Diversion	Empowerment Media, Inc.	Two@Time Project Parent & Family Resource	96	75	83	94	84	86	86.4	\$ 25,000.00	\$ -	\$ 26,542.24
32	Prevention and Diversion	First Coast Crime Stoppers, Inc.	Community Connect Program	93	80	83	89	84	86	85.8	\$ 125,000.00	\$ -	\$ 130,505.92
33	Prevention and Diversion	Girl Scouts of Gateway Council, Inc.	Family Wellness Program	97	70	85	93	77	84	84.4	\$ 125,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,714,494.64
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VIII. Announcements/Information Sharing

A. Chief Updates

1. FY 2026 Grant Cycle:
  - a. Contract Execution Plan: Chief Figueroa provided an overview of the contract execution plan for executing the 60 PSG contracts. The legislation requires that all contracts be executed by November 30. However, based on last year's historic accomplishment of 12 business days, the goal is to meet or exceed that. There is a scoreboard to closely track progress.
  - b. Post-Application Survey: A survey will go out on Monday, October 13, to obtain feedback from applicants and non-applicants.
2. Legislative Updates: Chief Figueroa provided updates on the following legislation:
  - a. 2025-509: \$7M funding was appropriated for PSG (MVP categories A-C) and \$200,000 for Micro-Grants (MVP category D).
  - b. 2025-750: Appointment of Dogan Toizoglu, Ph.D. to replace Leofric Thomas, Jr. on PSG Council introduced by President Carrico.

IX. Adjourn

Upon motion by Daniel Henry, seconded by Shamika Baker Wright, the meeting was adjourned at 10:24 a.m.