



**PUBLIC SERVICE GRANT (PSG) COUNCIL**  
**Budget Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Ed Ball Building, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, Board Room 851**  
**January 6, 2025, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.**

**I. Attendance**

BUDGET COMMITTEE		STAFF AND OTHER	
P	Pablo de Sandi, Chair	P	Jeneen Hampton, Staff
P	Daniel Henry	P	Dr. Parvez Ahmed, Mayor’s Office
P	Mai Keisling		
P	James Croft		
P	Taylor Meija		
P	Alex Sivar		

**P = Present PV = Present (Virtual) E = Excused X = Absent**

**II. Call To Order & Roll Call**

Budget Committee Chair Pablo de Sandi called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. A quorum was established. The purpose of today’s meeting is to discuss data gathering for consideration of funding allocation for FY26.

**III. Approval of Agenda**

Upon motion by James Croft and seconded by Mai Keisling the agenda was unanimously approved.

**IV. Approval of Minutes from December 4, 2025**

Upon motion by Daniel Henry with minor change to remove stray bullet and seconded by James Croft the minutes was unanimously approved with corrections.

**V. Public Comment**

**VI. Old Business**

- A. Mission statement review & vote** – The committee was asked to provide mission statements to the Grant Administrator prior to the meeting. Chair, DeSandi revised and combined statements to include all input and presented two statements for consideration. Dainel Henry moved for discussion and Alex Sivar seconded. The committee voted to adopting the following mission statement for recommendation to the full council for approval.

*The mission of the Budget Committee of the Public Service Grant Council is to ensure the responsible and equitable allocation of public funds to support the City of Jacksonville's most vulnerable populations. We evaluate community needs, review past funding, and collaborate with experts to recommend a budget that maximizes*



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*impact. Our goal is to promote fiscal responsibility, transparency, and accountability while addressing critical needs to improve the health, safety, and welfare of our community.*

- B. Guidance from COJ officials** – The committee invited Dr. Ahmed Parvez to assist in the compiling of data to determine the areas of most need from a granular level. Dr. Ahmed advised that the mayor’s office is pursuing an analytics database to be implemented within the next year. Dr. Parvez is expecting the committee to determine what feedback they you want to receive and how they want to assess information. He urged that while the council is conducting its work that they do not lose sight of what the actual change is in the community and be clear about the data they are collecting to drive future work.

### **New Business**

- A. MVP Categories** –Chair DeSandi asked the Chair of the MVP committee (Alex Sivar) if there will be a fourth MVP for Microgrants. Sivar advised that a decision has not been made but is currently being discussed.
- B. MVP Resources** – Chair DeSandi asked the committee to come prepared to the next meeting with a suggestions for resources from previous submissions.
- C. ALICE Update** – The committee discussed the ALICE report provided in advance of the meeting. Chair DeSandi asked for consensus that the Budget Committee is comfortable using it as a resource. Committee members will review the report for discussion at its next meeting.

Chair DeSandi explained the role of the Budget committee to recommend a total budget request amount. He advised that the MVP, Rules and the full Council will decide on what the categories are and what the allocation as a percentage of the total budget.

### **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 2:39 p.m.