



City of Jacksonville, Florida
Donna Deegan, Mayor

PUBLIC SERVICE GRANT (PSG) COUNCIL
MVP Committee Meeting Minutes
Ed Ball Building, 8th Floor, Board Room 851
February 5, 2025 – 2:00-4:00PM

I. Attendance

MVP COMMITTEE		STAFF AND OTHER	
P	Yildirim “Alex” Sivar, Chair	P	Ashley Smith, OGC
X	Nicole Hamm, Vice Chair	P	Maribel Hernandez, Chief GCCD
X	Jackie Perry	P	Jeneen Hampton, Grant Administrator
P	Susan Ticker	P	Nicoa Garrett, GCCD
P	Thomas Geismar	P	Robin Carter-Tanks, GCCD

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

II. Call To Order & Roll Call

MVP Committee Chair Yildirim “Alex” Sivar called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. A quorum was present in the room.

III. Public Comment

- Marcus Hale, Literacy Alliance of Northeast Florida
- Kari Bates, The Arc Jacksonville
- Dawn Lockhart, Nonprofit Center of Northeast Florida
- David Clark, Downtown Ecumenical Services Council (DESC)
- Wendy Mayle, Pine Castle

IV. Approval of Minutes from January 15, 2025

Approval of minutes will be deferred to the next meeting due to lack of quorum present.

V. Old Business

A. Small Non-Profit Grant Program

- There was discussion on how the program should be structured to support small non-profits.
- The committee evaluated other models such as the Emergency Provider Academy micro-grant program and the Safety and Crime Reduction (SCRC) mini grant program.

- There was consensus to use the SCRC program as a template since several members on the committee had experience with that program.
- The committee also discussed the following:

Name: PSG Neighborhood Mini Grants

Focus/impact: Education

Application Deadline: October 1, 2025

Grant Period Starts: January 1, 2026

Budget to Request: \$500 – 750K

118 vs. 126: Utilize 126 with waivers outlined in SCRC model

1 year vs. multi-year: One year

Maximum revenue to qualify: Less than \$250K

Maximum applications per agency: 1

Maximum grant amount: \$15,000 (upfront payment)

Metrics for success: Clients served

Population served: Elementary and up (more discussion needed due to overlap with KHA)

Workshops offered: Yes

B. MVP recommendation in accordance with 118.804 except (a)(3)

1. MVP Categories with reasons

In light of the feedback received from the agencies present and desire to keep change at a minimum, there was consensus to keep the categories the same. The committee will review the descriptions of each category to determine if the priority needs of Housing, Health and Food should be incorporated. These would also have to be revised in 118, Part 8, Section 118.806 (b). Committee members were asked to review the descriptions and bring back recommendations at the next meeting.

2. % Allocation

There was discussion on providing more funding to the Acute category, including potentially 50% with 25% going to each of the other two categories. The reasons for this would have to be justified when making the recommendation.

3. Evaluate Point Assignments

This will be discussed at the next meeting.

VI. New Business

No new business was discussed.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:01 p.m.