



PUBLIC SERVICE GRANT (PSG) COUNCIL
Tentative Rankings Meeting Minutes
Ed Ball Building, 8th Floor, Board Room
September 24, 2025 (2:00 – 4:00 p.m.)

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

(1) Arrived after the agenda and minutes were approved. (2) Not present for votes.

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 2:04 p.m. by Chair Dr. Joy Gorham Hervey and introductions were made. A quorum was established.

II. Public Comment None

III. Approval of Agenda

Upon motion by Thomas Geismar, seconded by Alex Sivar, the agenda was unanimously approved as presented.

IV. Old Business None

V. New Business

A. Public Service Grants Tentative Rankings

Chief Figueroa advised that the final PSG budget amount allocated was \$7 million with \$200,000 allocated to Category D (Micro-grants). There were 101 applications submitted (81 qualified, 20 disqualified). After scoring, a total of 60 agencies will receive tentative full or partial funding. Grants Administrator Hampton read all rankings into the record. The total funding amount for each category is as follows:



City of Jacksonville, Florida
Donna Deegan, Mayor

1. Category A: Acute 35% (\$2,450,000)

Upon motion by Daniel Henry, seconded by Shamika Baker-Wright, the tentative rankings for Category A (Acute) were unanimously approved as follows:

025-2026 PSG TENTATIVE RANKINGS: ACUTE (35%)

Tentative Rank	MVP Category	Agency	Program	Geismar	Keisting	Croft	Hervey	Williams	Average Score	Adjusted Average Score	Requested Amount	Tentative 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	Mandarin United Methodist Church, Inc.	Mandarin United Methodist Church Summer Camp	92	47	85	47	97	74	91.33333	\$ 125,000	\$ 125,000	\$ 552,597.44
10	Acute	Mission House, Inc.	Crisis Care	97	86	90	85	96	91	90.8	\$ 125,000	\$ 125,000	\$ 387,402.16
11	Acute	Youth Crisis Center	House of Hope	95	83	93	80	100	90	90.2	\$ 124,948	\$ 124,948	\$ 1,216,953.92
12	Acute	Operation New Hope	Ready4Work Transitional Housing	96	88	95	79	90	90	89.6	\$ 125,000	\$ 125,000	\$ 2,367,602.88
13	Acute	Hubbard House, Inc.	Emergency Shelter & Services Program	98	93	92	75	90	90	89.6	\$ 125,000	\$ 125,000	\$ 1,523,802.40
14	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
15	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
16	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
17	Acute	Young Men's Christian Association of Florida's First Coast, Inc.	Military Outreach Program	95	81	90	44	87	79	86.25	\$ 124,938	\$ 124,938	\$ 10,806,562.48
18	Acute	Pine Castle Inc.	Critical Nursing Services for Individuals with I/DD	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	The LID Jewish Family & Community Services, Inc.	Max Block Food Pantry	86	77	85	72	75	79	79	\$ 125,000	\$ 113,115	\$ 4,575,515.92
21	Acute	V for Victory of Florida Inc	Critical Home Support Services	93	63	90	61	82	78	77.8	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ 232,173.36
22	Acute	Volunteers in Medicine Jacksonville, Inc.	Health Care for Working Uninsured Adults	64	56	81	56	84	68	68.2	\$ 125,000	\$ -	\$ 696,894.72
Total Appropriated PSG Funding for FY2026: \$7,000,000											\$ 2,686,885	\$ 2,450,000	

2. Category B: Self-Sufficiency and Stability 35% (\$2,450,000)

Upon motion by Leofric Thomas Jr., seconded by Alex Sivar, the tentative rankings for Category B (Self-Sufficiency & Stability) were unanimously approved as follows.

025-2026 PSG TENTATIVE RANKINGS: SELF-SUFFICIENCY AND STABILITY (35%)

Tentative Rank	MVP Category	Agency	Program	Sivar	King	Wright	Thomas	Hamm	Average Score	Adjusted Average Score	Requested Amount	Tentative Award Amount	24% of 3 Year Avg Revenue
1	Self-Sufficiency and Stability	Uteracy 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	96.8	\$ 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	96	96.2	\$ 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	93.6	\$ 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	\$ 124,991.96	\$ 124,991.96	\$ 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	\$ 1,874,496.60
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	\$ 2,456,612.32
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	\$ 26,525,862.64
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	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
17	Self-Sufficiency and Stability	Fresh Ministries, Inc.	Career Life by LifePoint Career Institute	85	92	93	93	88	90	90.4	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 922,687.68
18	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
19	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
20	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
21	Self-Sufficiency and Stability	Beaches Council on Aging, Inc.	Dial-a-Ride	85	91	71	96	98	88	88.2	\$ 99,050.00	\$ 99,050.00	\$ 122,487.76
22	Self-Sufficiency and Stability	Goodwill Industries of North Florida, Inc.	The Corner at Dcb Store - Health Study	83	95	78	98	84	88	87.6	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 61,965.10	\$ 13,233,744.88
23	Self-Sufficiency and Stability	The LID Jewish Family & Community Services, Inc.	Financial Assistance Case Management	86	86	81	93	90	87	87.2	\$ 125,000.00	\$ -	\$ 4,575,515.92
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
Total Appropriated PSG Funding for FY2026: \$7,000,000											\$ 3,023,267.78	\$ 2,450,000	



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3. Category C: Prevention and Diversion 30% (\$2,100,000)

Upon motion by Daniel Henry, seconded by Andrew Williams, Jr., the tentative rankings for Category C (Prevention and Diversion) were unanimously approved as follows:

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

Tentative Rank	MVP Category	Agency	Program	Carmichael	Diaz	Henry	Roberts	Ticker	Average Score	Adjusted Average Score	Requested Amount	Tentative 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	94	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	\$ 51,000.00	\$ 1,373,802.40
4	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
5	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
6	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
7	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
8	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	\$ 718,624.96
9	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
10	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
11	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
12	Prevention and Diversion	Operation New Hope	Ready4Work Case Management	99	100	88	97	92	95	95.2	\$ 124,848.00	\$ 124,848.00	\$ 2,367,602.88
13	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
14	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	\$ 472,139.52
15	Prevention and Diversion	BEACHE'S 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
16	Prevention and Diversion	NAMI Jacksonville Florida, Inc.	Family Mental Health Support	96	93	87	98	90	93	92.8	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 207,537.04
17	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	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 418,078.80
18	Prevention and Diversion	JACKSONVILLE AREA SEXUAL MINORITY YOUTH NETWORK, INC.	LinkUp	99	95	92	96	81	93	92.6	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 75,467.00	\$ 665,152.16
19	Prevention and Diversion	ORWPC, Inc.	See the Girl: Justice Reimagined	96	80	95	97	93	92	92.2	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 75,467.00	\$ 506,956.76
20	Prevention and Diversion	2nd Mile Ministries, Inc.	As We Gather	93	95	87	100	86	92	92.2	\$ 75,339.96	\$ 75,339.96	\$ 100,784.80
21	Prevention and Diversion	Volunteers in Medicine Jacksonville, Inc.	Women's Wellness Specialty Healthcare	99	86	90	90	95	92	92	\$ 124,955.00	\$ 124,955.00	\$ 696,894.72
22	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	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 121,774.56
23	Prevention and Diversion	RE-BUILDING 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	\$ 74,324.00	\$ 74,324.24
24	Prevention and Diversion	We Care Jacksonville, Inc.	Cancer Prevention, Education, and Vital Screenings	100	90	83	90	93	91	91.2	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 319,745.04
25	Prevention and Diversion	The LID Jewish Family & Community Services, Inc.	Emergency Financial Assistance	99	84	93	89	91	91	91.2	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 4,575,515.92
26	Prevention and Diversion	Gateway Community Services Inc.	Trauma Services	98	90	89	92	85	91	90.8	\$ 67,000.00	\$ 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	\$ 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	\$ 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	\$ 77,340.00	\$ 154,915.52
30	Prevention and Diversion	Yoga 4 Change	Beyond Survival: Mind Body Wellness for Dual Seniors	95	72	85	99	85	87	87.2	\$ 124,301.75	\$ 124,301.75	\$ 711,716.96
31	Prevention and Diversion	Empowerment Media, Inc.	Two@A Time Project Parent & Family Resource	96	75	83	94	84	86	86.4	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 26,542.24
32	Prevention and Diversion	Girl Scouts of Gateway Council, Inc.	Family Wellness Program	97	70	85	93	77	84	84.4	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 1,714,484.64
33	Prevention and Diversion	East Coast Crime Shoppers, Inc.	Community Connect Program	91	68	80	80	78	79	79.4	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 130,505.92
Total Appropriated PSG Funding for FY2026: \$7,000,000											\$ 3,691,423.70	\$ 2,100,000	

VI. Announcements/Information Sharing

A. General Comments

- Agencies should be able to view their scores in the Grant Management System (GMS) portal. An email will be sent no later than 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 25, to qualified applicants with the tentative rankings as well as instructions on how to view scores and how to appeal. Agencies have five (5) business days to appeal. As a reminder, scores and scorer comments are not appealable. Scorers are not required to provide comments. Scores are provided to assist agencies with future applications. It is inappropriate to rebuke, criticize or harass scorers in any way.
- Agencies with questions can email grants@coj.net. Please do not contact Grant Monitors directly regarding tentative rankings.



B. Grant Management System Scoring Process Feedback

- Completion or progress indicator/dashboard.
- When done with scoring, ability to keep track of which agencies have been scored and which are pending.
- Include on application City Council district they are located in (if focusing on a particular neighborhood or district).
- Ability to download and print out for those who prefer to review applications on paper and then transfer scores to GMS.
- Scorer used laptop, iPad and phone to score which all worked seamlessly.

VII. Adjournment

Upon motion by Alex Sivar, seconded by Thomas Geismar, the meeting was adjourned at 3:28 p.m.