

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 2018 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; Priority Population, Budget and Rules. Each sub-committee is charged with either an initial recommendation of priority concerns or our annual suggested budget amount or recommendation of changes to the current PSG process to included 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, PSG membership is currently at 10 members (listed left) leaving only one (1) vacant City Council Appointee seat open and five (4) Mayoral Appointee seats open. These members represent a diverse cross-section of Jacksonville's community. It is imperative that the City's appointed PSG Councilmembers are a reflection of the community; making decisions that impact the non-profit agencies' financial and operational well-being for our most vulnerable citizens.

Throughout this fiscal year, we have successfully minimized the often-publicized concerns of the Jacksonville non-profit community. We now have a successful scoring and grant-making decision process. The continued partnership with Council President Anna Brosche, PSG Council Liaison Councilmember Joyce Morgan, and all City Councilmembers 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 have developed an Appeals Board which is led by Mr. Damon Cook, myself, Procurement, and OGC. 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 public, and non-profit agencies on the progress and success of the improvements we have collectively been making.

However, the amount of funding PSG receives has not kept pace with economic recovery. We are optimistic that the Mayor and City Council will embrace our improvements and increase our funding so that we can continue to address these needs. It is my great honor to serve, and if I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at (904) 501-6622.

Best regards,



Lara Diettrich, Chair
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