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City of Jacksonville
Office Grants & Contracts Compliance
Public Service Grant Council Meeting Minutes
Ed Ball Building, 8th Floor, Room 851
Wednesday, August 13, 2014 11:00 a.m.
PSG Chair: Roshanda Jackson

Public Service Grant Council Member Attendance			
X	Roshanda Jackson, Chair	E	Lois Salaun
X	Melissa Adams, Vice Chair	X	Autumn Tomas
E	Doyle Carter, City Council	E	Tiffany Wells
X	Sandra Stockwell, General Counsel	E	Iris Young
E	Patricia Andrews	E	Chris Rose
X	Radwan Chowdhury	X	Andrew Russell
X	Kevin Monahan		

Quorum Present: Yes

Staff: Thomas Waters, and John Snyder

I. Welcome & Introduction of PSG Council Members

The Public Service Grant Council (hereinafter “PSGC”) meeting was called to order by Roshanda Jackson, Chair at 11:02 a.m. The PSG Council members introduced themselves.

II. Public Service Grant Council Meeting minutes

Mr. Monahan moved that the minutes from the 7/09/2014 be approved, Mr. Chowdhury seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

III. Lutheran Social Service Presentation

Ms. Jackson had several questions for LSS and their Food Bank and asked Mr. Crawford to address these concerns.

Mrs. Jackson stated that according to the Times Union LSS has lost several large contracts to include; Florida Department of Children & Families, Feeding America, U.S. Department of Agriculture, & USDA is up for bidding. Mr. Crawford confirmed that the USDA contract is up for bid; and, they no longer have a relationship with Feeding America and DCF continues to fund our Aids/ Phase program. They renamed their Food Distribution Program back to what it was originally many years ago “Nourishment Network” and thus far have distributed 12 million pounds of food from USDA, and other local providers to include; Publix, Farm Share, and other partners. Mr. Crawford

denied any ascertain that they are losing or no longer going to partner with Publix.

Ms. Jackson asked about their relationship with Feeding America of North Florida. Mr. Crawford stated that they are a separate organization and are a part of the national Feeding America network. Mr. Crawford also confirmed that they will be able to meet their quarterly report expectations.

IV. Grants Administered through Social Services Division

Ms. Jeannette Moore, Chief of Social Services Division gave an overview of the grants that they administer through their division. Mr. Snyder pointed out that she was asked to speak and the request of C/M Boyer who wanted to make sure that the PSG Council has a broad picture of the funding both Federal & General Revenue funding to local non-profits not just the PSG funds.

Mr. Russell asked about the allocation of funding. Ms. Moore stated that agencies are listed in the grant and have partnered with the application. She also added that in some cases they are listed in the Florida Statue. Mr. Water confirmed how an agency will partner with the city in writing a grant and then if awarded would be funded through the grant, because they are listed in the award of the grant. Mr. Russell followed up by asking about how we establish partners. Mr. Waters responded stating that through various outreach contacts.

Ms. Jackson asked if the city is making sure that agencies are not duplicating services with the funding. Mr. Snyder responded that it is tracked through an agencies accounting of funds on their general ledger by separate source code.

Ms. Tomas asked how those agencies receive General Fund dollars. Ms. Moore stated that most of the time it is through legislation and other times it is through procurement.

Ms. Jackson asked for clarification on how the City can fund an agency for doing State or Federal work? Mr. Waters stated that it is depends on the program; however, the best way to see if a program is also getting money or requesting match dollars is to look at their budget.

V. Recommendation from Community Presenters

• Jessie Ball duPont Fund- Sherry Magill, PhD President

- The public service grant budget is abysmally low given the challenges of this community and has eroded significantly over the past decade.
- It's ok to use taxpayer money to put some kid in detention, but not to feed some hungry kid. It's simply an elected officials' feel-good excuse to cut funding, as is the argument that philanthropic dollars will fill the gaps, and it absolves the public from responsibility for the condition of our community.

- Nonprofits are the means through which government privatizes the provision of human services. The nonprofit and philanthropic sectors have created extraordinary solutions to human challenges, and government has embraced those with public dollar investments.
- The new assumption is that local government, having privatized human services through nonprofits, now has no financial obligation to fund those services. And as the local city budget becomes tighter, this refrain grows louder.
- Money aside, foundations operate under donor restrictions and individual giving is often idiosyncratic. We simply cannot count on private dollars to make up for the loss of taxpayer investments.
- Governments routinely contract with companies whose primary purpose is to maximize profits. Nonprofits provide necessary public goods and services, build community, and make life livable. Surely some of our tax money should contract with them for goods and services that promote the common welfare and the level of that investment should match the challenge we face.

Mr. Russell asked if the Jessie Ball duPont Fund could help get the word out promoting of services and partnerships that exist between businesses, non-profits, & government; especially, emphasizing that by increasing these services will also increase our tax base without raising taxes.

Ms. Jackson seconded Mr. Russell commits and stated that training and further education will take place between the consultant hired by their foundation to assist non-profits and the PSG Council.

- **Non-Profit Center – Rena Coughlin, Executive Director**

- Ms. Coughlin presented an article from 2004 regarding PSG and partnerships and how PSG funds funding 120 programs at \$12 million dollars.
- Ms. Coughlin stated that current Priority Population are fairly reasonable, except for the recent addition which as fragmented some of the allocations.
- Ms. Coughlin stated that this body should not weight the Priority Population, because at this time it is unknown the number of applicants and the quality of those applications. If you must weight a population then we need to change the Ordinance.
- Ms. Adams asked, "What has been the push back on the concerns about weighting?" When you have to assign a weight essentially funding to a population without knowing the pool and the number of individuals they will serve your hands are already tied even before the processes begins.
- She also spoke about the need to look at other parts of the process and what else can be revised. We should look at the Cultural Council and get an allocation then based on the allocation assign funding.

- **JCCI – Ben Warner, Executive Director**

- This process is fundamentally flawed, especially given the level of funding
- Year 7 of stagnant economic activity with 40 year old doing jobs that traditionally were for students and those just entering the workplace.
- Economy is worse with those with physical and mental disabilities.

- We have a growing senior population now at 18% and will hit 20% in 2 years.
 - 25% of families with children are in poverty
 - 13% individual have disabilities
 - Our suicide rate is triple what our murder rate with senior suicide being twice that of youth suicide rate.
 - Those with mentally ill have a dual problem dealing with both their illness and poverty.
 - Poverty & food insecurity rate has increased from last year
 - Funding is not enough and what needs to happen is for this body to identify those non-profits who are serving the most individuals with the allocated funding.
- **Department of Children & Families – Bryan Hensley, Deputy Director**
 - Non-profits serve individuals who don't have a political voice
 - Every case of abuse which DCF is called out there is some sort of substance abuse
 - Florida ranks last in mental health spending and Duval ranks near the bottom in Florida. We need more treatment serves as well as residential services.
 - Trauma treatment is an area of need
 - Homeless transitional housing for those aging out of foster care
 - Home repair services especially seniors.
 - Transportation is an issue. Someone without a car can't really work at the beach or Town Center where the need is without assistance. JTA bus trip will take two or more hours. We need assistance for those without transportation.
 - We need financial education for those with limited resources on how to stretch that dollar.
 - Employment services for prisoner re-entry
- **Elder Source–Northeast Area Agency On Aging–Linda Levin, Executive Director**
 - Contracted with Northeast Florida Health Planning Council to conduct a needs assessment. The PowerPoint is the results of that assessment showing;
 - 18% of Duval are 60 & over and 10% of this population are below poverty
 - 21% have two or more disabilities
 - 10% of Duval residents care for someone over 60 more than 10 hours a week costing Duval County \$300,000 in wages, benefits, and spending power each.
 - Transportation is an issue such as getting to bus stops, lack of sidewalks, no shelter or benches and scheduling.
 - Affordable housing is limited, as well as "aging in place" services
 - 37% of Seniors suffer from Depression
 - **2,293 seniors are on a waiting list for services** based on risk of Nursing Home Care
 - Chore Services-530
 - Companion Services-306
 - Emergency Alert-460
 - Homemaking-1276
 - Meals-800 (Meals On Wheels)
 - Personal Care-856
 - Respite Care-443

- **Northeast Florida Health Planning Council – Nikole Helvey, Executive Director**
 - Duval ranks 45 out of 65 counties in its Health Rankings with Quality of Life ranking 43/65 & Length of Life 48/65
 - Poor health behavior to include alcohol use; as well as poor diet/ exercise & sexual activity (mainly youth).
 - 17.3% of Duval residents don't have any healthcare coverage
 - Duval's Food Insecurity rate is 18.8% meaning 18.8% of population have issue with obtaining healthy food.
 - **The biggest issue and area of greatest need based on their research** is to those who are unable to be served or have access to any health insurance this includes; 19-20 year olds, Unemployed Parents, & under-employed parents.

Mr. Russell committed about the need for health care coverage and health care needs because it affects all Priority Populations.

- **Duval County Food Policy Council – Cecil Williams, Chairman – didn't present**
- **Mayor's Disability Council – Natalie Alden-didn't present**
- **Downtown Investment Authority- Guy Parola, Redevelopment Manager**

Mr. Parola spoke about the Downtown Investment Authority and there involvement downtown.

VI. **FY 2015 Budget Update**

Ms. Jackson explained the City Council's Finance Committee recommendations, as well as the Mayor's Additional Funding request which was all denied by City Council. There was discussion regarding how the Mayor's Office decided and at what level to request funding. Mr. Water's addressed concerned and explained the procedure by the Mayor's Office.

Ms. Jackson & Mr. Russell implored PSG Applicants and their Board member to contact City Council Members.

VII. **Open Discussion**

Ms. Pittman spoke about the system being flawed and need for this to be funded the way Cultural Council and that Clare White Mission will reduce services or close because of these cuts. She further stated that we need to go to City Council collectively and not just as an agency, but as a group. Ms. Pittman also advocated for a member from non-profit community.

VIII. **Public Comments** *(Please fill out a card if you wish to speak on a topic that isn't on the agenda)*

Adjourn - Meeting was adjourned at 1:15 PM

Recorder: John Snyder

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The written minutes for this meeting are only an overview. A verbatim audio recording is available upon request.