



City of Jacksonville, Florida
Donna Deegan, Mayor

PUBLIC SERVICE GRANT (PSG) COUNCIL
MVP Committee Meeting Minutes
Ed Ball Building, 8th Floor, Board Room 851
January 15, 2025 – 2:30-4:30PM

I. Attendance

MVP COMMITTEE		STAFF AND OTHER	
P	Yildirim “Alex” Sivar, Chair	P	Dr. Tracye Polson, Mayor’s Office
P	Nicole Hamm, Vice Chair	P	Dr. Parvez Ahmed. Mayor’s Office
P	Jackie Perry	P	Maribel Hernandez, Chief GCCD
P	Susan Ticker	P	Jeneen Hampton, Grant Administrator
P	Thomas Geismar		

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 2:38 p.m. A quorum was established. Upon motion by Thomas Geismar, seconded by Nicole Hamm, the agenda was approved as presented.

III. Public Comment

- Marcus Haile, Literacy Alliance of Northeast Florida
- Jim Kowalski, Jacksonville Area Legal Aide

IV. Welcome

Chair Sivar welcomed Dr. Polson and Dr. Ahmed. They will be taking back ideas and questions back to the Mayor. The mayor will be having budget town halls.

V. Vice Chair Election

Nicole Hamm was appointed as Vice Chair of the MVP Committee.

VI. Approval of Minutes from December 18, 2024

Upon motion by Susan Ticker, seconded by Jackie Perry, the minutes from the meeting on December 18, 2024 were approved as written.

Old Business

A. UNF Study Recommendations

The top 5 priorities determined by the PSG Council were reviewed and the following was assigned to the MVP Committee:

Revise grant amounts so smaller NPs can apply. Diversify organizations that get awards through more flexible grant regulations.

This will be addressed through the small non-profit program.

B. MVP recommendation 118.804 except (a)(3)

1. Consolidate findings from assigned agencies

The committee members divided up the following data and consolidated their findings to narrow down the needs for the most vulnerable persons:

- JCCI (Jacksonville Council on Citizen Involvement)
- Non-Profit Center
- Jessie Ball duPont Fund
- Community Foundation of Northeast Florida
- United Way of Northeast Florida
- Health Planning Council of Northeast Florida
- Catalyst Northeast Florida
- Community Health Assessment 2023
- Duval County ALICE Report 2023
- GeoDataVision Community Needs Assessment
- Mayor's Budget Address
- City Council 2024 Strategic Plan Priorities (2025 is not available yet)

The consolidated data narrowed down the priorities of needs as follows:

- Housing
- Health
- Food

Dr. Polson agreed with these priorities and Dr. Ahmed advised that this aligns with what they are hearing with housing being the first priority.

There is a strong desire to see nonprofits work with each other to reduce overhead and have more of an impact in the communities they serve.

2. Develop recommendation to PSG Council

- MVP categories with reasons – The committee will narrow down the descriptions for each of the three categories to these three priority needs. This will take place at the next meeting.
- % allocation – This will be discussed at the next meeting.
- Evaluate point assignments – This will be discussed at the next meeting.

C. Small Non-profit program

There was discussion on the program to support small non-profits. There were questions about the previous Micro-grant program and why that was discontinued. The program for Safety and Crime Reduction Commission mini grants will be used as a road map and tweaked incorporating OIG recommendations. The Procurement Code (126) will be utilized for this program. The committee would like to add something in the reporting on *impact such as data and testimonials on what has changed as a result of this grant*. It was also suggested to add “*what collective efforts are you doing to achieve goals and impact the area you serve.*”

VII. New Business

No new business was discussed.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:27 p.m.