



March 1, 2019

The Honorable Aaron Bowman
President, Jacksonville City Council
117 West Duval Street, Suite 420
Jacksonville, FL 32202

**RE: FY 2019-2020 Public Service Grant Council's
Priority Needs Recommendations**

Dear Council President Bowman:

On behalf of the Public Service Grant Council (PSGC), I would like to extend our gratitude for your trust and confidence in allowing us to perform the important work we have been appointed to do in service with our nonprofit organizations who serve the most vulnerable persons and needs. We understand the critical nature of being intentional, mindful, and thorough in reviewing, scoring and recommending taxpayer dollars as awards to those in need.

The PSGC has worked diligently over the course of the last year hosting 25 workshops, subcommittee and full PSG Council meetings with the experts in our City's nonprofit sector for purposes of receiving data and analysis. We had the CEO's of the nonprofit organizations join us in discussion and debate to identify how the nonprofit sector is working now and how to more effectively align our approach for the greatest impact. Some of these organizations are, but not limited to: *The Community Foundation, The Nonprofit Center, Changing Homelessness, Elder Source, Northeast Florida Health Planning Council, and the Local Initiative Support Coalition*. PSG Councilmembers have met with and/or called all 19 City Councilmembers and Mayor's Administrative Officers to share the new PSGC "Most Vulnerable Persons and Needs Continuum Framework" for identifying Priority Needs, along with their corresponding funding allocation percentages. The PSGC recommends the following; Acute (35%), Prevention (40%), and Self-Sufficiency (25%). The PSGC voted unanimously to continue to use the current points for evaluation criteria assigned as those were vetted thoroughly by the PSGC Rules Subcommittee over the course of 2017.

As you are aware, it is in Chapter 118 of the City Ordinance Code that City Council establish the FY 2019/2020 Priority Needs for the most vulnerable persons by ordinance no later than May 1, 2019; and I wanted to ensure that I make myself available to you expeditiously. If you should want to discuss these proposals further, please do not hesitate to contact me at either 904-501-6622 or laradiettrich@gmail.com.

Respectfully Submitted,

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