



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#25-0678

TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager

DATE: June 30, 2025

TITLE: Motion Approving an Amendment to Exercise a One (1)-Year Extension of the Not-for-Profit Service Agreement Between the City of Fort Lauderdale and Fellowship Recovery Community Organization, Inc., for the Mental Health and Substance Abuse Housing Program - \$30,000 - **(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission approve an amendment to extend the Not-for-Profit Service Agreement between the City of Fort Lauderdale and Fellowship Recovery Community Organization, Inc. (Fellowship) for a mental health and substance abuse housing program. The existing agreement expires on June 30, 2025. The proposed amendment extends the services for one (1) year.

Background

In alignment with the 2025 *Commission Annual Action Plan* Top Priority of Advancing Homelessness Resources, the City of Fort Lauderdale coordinates services to assist neighbors experiencing homelessness and improve the feeling of safety for all our neighbors. Working with service providers such as Fellowship provides the City with a resource the City's Police Department Homeless Outreach Team and homeless program staff may refer individuals to if they are willing to accept services and qualify for the treatment being offered.

On December 17, 2024, the City Commission adopted Resolution No. 24-269 (Exhibit 1) authorizing the City Manager to accept a grant agreement with the State of Florida, Department of Children and Families (DCF) for a Mental Health and Substance Abuse Housing Program in the amount of \$250,000. The DCF grant expires on June 30, 2025. On March 4, 2025, the City Commission approved a Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 Not-for-Profit Service Agreement between the City of Fort Lauderdale and Fellowship to provide substance use stabilization, residential recovery, and support services to individuals experiencing homelessness within the city, in an amount not to exceed \$125,000 (Exhibit 2).

Within the first three months, sixty-one (61) referrals were made to Fellowship by the City of Fort Lauderdale's Community Court and the Police Department Homeless Outreach Team. Out of the sixty-one (61) referrals, forty-nine (49) individuals were accepted to participate in the Fellowship's program and twelve (12) individuals failed to attend the intake process.

Out of the 49 individuals who accepted the opportunity to participate in the program:

- 53% (26 individuals) are working with Fellowship on treatment and housing goals;
- 22% (11 individuals) were referred to other treatment facilities;
- 20% (10 individuals) self-discharged from the program; and
- 4% (2 individuals) were successfully reunified with family.

Resource Impact

With the expiration of the DCF Grant on June 30, 2025, funding in the amount of \$30,000 has been identified for the remaining three months of FY 2025. Future funding for this initiative during FY 2026 will be contingent on future year appropriations.

Funds available as of June 10, 2025					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	COST CENTER	CHARACTER CODE/ ACCOUNT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
10-001-1454-564-30-3299	Homelessness Initiatives	Other Services	\$885,622	\$43,834	\$30,000
TOTAL AMOUNT ►					\$30,000

Strategic Connections

This item is a 2025 *Commission Annual Action Plan* Top Priority, advancing Homelessness Resources priority.

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2029 Strategic Plan*, specifically advancing:

- The Housing Focus Area, Goal 2: Enable housing options for all income levels.

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We Are Community*.

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We Are Ready*

Attachments

Exhibit 1 - Resolution No. 24-269

Exhibit 2 - Fellowship FY 2025 Not-for-Profit Service Agreement

Exhibit 3 - Fellowship FY 2025 Not-for-Profit Service Agreement First Amendment

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