



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#14-0423

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

FROM: Lee Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: April 1, 2014

TITLE: Motion to approve a contribution to Fort Lauderdale Downtown
Development Authority for the Federal Courthouse Feasibility Study- up to
\$40,000

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission approve a contribution to the Fort Lauderdale Downtown Development Authority (FLDDA) in the amount of \$40,000 or 40% of the cost for a feasibility study of a new federal courthouse in downtown Fort Lauderdale, whichever is less.

Background

It is expected that within the next 5 to 10 years, the Federal Courthouse will no longer have sufficient space for the projected number of Judges and Magistrates. There are also several security and safety deficiencies that need to be corrected immediately. The federal government is currently not appropriating funds for feasibility studies or construction of new courthouses. For this reason, the Federal Courthouse Task Force is proposing a Public Private Partnership (P3) to develop a plan to acquire land, design, construct, and maintain a new federal courthouse in the downtown Fort Lauderdale area.

The feasibility study is the first step to securing a new federal courthouse in downtown Fort Lauderdale. The task force is requesting that the City of Fort Lauderdale support the P3 and appropriate 40% (up to \$40,000) of the cost of the feasibility study. Broward County and the Fort Lauderdale Downtown Development Authority have already committed to the feasibility study with 40% coming from the County and the balance of 20% coming from the FLDDA.

A Request for Proposal has been prepared by the FLDDA, but oversight of the consultant conducting the study will rest with Broward County, the Federal Courthouse Task Force, Fort Lauderdale Downtown Development Authority, and the City of Fort Lauderdale.

Approval of this item only commits the City up to a \$40,000.00 contribution, and no further legal or contractual obligation at this time. Funds will be remitted to the FLDDA within 30 days of receiving a copy of the fully executed contract for the Federal Courthouse Feasibility Study.

Resource Impact

There is a fiscal impact to the City in the amount of \$40,000 or 40% of the cost for the feasibility study, whichever is less.

<i>Funds available as of March 20, 2014</i>					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (Program)	OBJECT CODE/ SUB- OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Object Code)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Object Code)	AMOUNT
001-GEN010101 - 4299	Other General Government	Other Operating Expenses/Other Contributions	\$11,586,344.00	\$5,807,351.00	\$40,000
CONTRIBUTION TOTAL ►					\$40,000

Strategic Connections

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018* initiative, included within the **Public Places Cylinders of Excellence**, specifically advancing:

- **Goal 7:** Be a well-positioned City within the global economic and tourism markets of the South Florida region, leveraging our airports, ports, and rail connections.
 - **Objective 2:** Facilitate a responsive and proactive business climate.
- **Goal 12:** Be a leading government organization, managing our resources wisely and sustainably.

Attachment:

Exhibit 1 – Letter from the Fort Lauderdale Downtown Development Authority

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