



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE  
City Commission Agenda Memo  
REGULAR MEETING**

**# 25-0774**

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

**FROM:** Rickelle Williams, City Manager

**DATE:** September 3, 2025

**TITLE:** Motion Approving an Agreement Between the State of Florida Department of State's Division of Historical Resources and the City of Fort Lauderdale for a Small Matching Grant - State of Florida Grant Number 26.h.sm.200.007 - for Architectural Resource Surveys of the Edgewood and River Oaks Neighborhoods and Accepting Grant Funds in the Amount of \$50,000 - **(Commission District 4)**

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**Recommendation**

Staff recommends that the City Commission approve an agreement between the State of Florida, Department of State and the City of Fort Lauderdale in substantially the form attached, for a Small Matching Grant – State of Florida grant number 26.h.sm.200.007 – for architectural resource surveys of the Edgewood and River Oaks neighborhoods and accept the grant funds in the amount of \$50,000.

**Background**

In 1975 the City of Fort Lauderdale passed Ordinance No. C-75-29 establishing a historic district zoning classification and the Historic Preservation Board to promote continued enrichment of local heritage. Since the enactment of the Ordinance in 1975, the City has worked to preserve historical sites, buildings, landscapes, structures and archaeological sites, and in 2010 the City became a Certified Local Government (CLG), further enhancing the City's commitment to historic preservation.

Throughout the City there are significant examples of architecture, both from earlier eras as well as later "mid-century" or "modern" times that have yet to be surveyed. Since 2017, there has been an ongoing effort to perform reconnaissance level and intensive level architectural resource surveys, partially through the assistance of grant funding from the Florida Department of State, Division of Historical Resources. As part of these previous efforts, a comprehensive analysis was conducted to review past survey efforts and early development patterns, resulting in the identification and prioritization of areas city-wide for future architectural resource survey efforts.

In total, including other recent surveys conducted by staff as well as surveys currently underway, the phased surveys have been completed in twenty-three (23) neighborhoods

and have identified over two hundred (200) individual properties and twenty-six (26) historic districts potentially eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. A map of areas surveyed is provided as Exhibit 2. Results of this architectural resource survey effort are available on the City's website here:

<https://www.fortlauderdale.gov/government/departments-a-h/development-services/urban-design-and-planning/historic-preservation/architectural-resource-surveys>

Architectural resource surveys primarily act as a planning tool to provide adequate data to make informed decisions, but most importantly document the City's history and contribute important data into a repository of historical information. Additionally, as a CLG there is a commitment by the City to protect its historic resources and to provide continuous improvement to historic preservation efforts, which includes the identification of historic properties within the jurisdiction.

In May 2024, the City of Fort Lauderdale submitted a "Small Matching Grant" application to the Florida Department of State, Division of Historical Resources, to propose funding to conduct reconnaissance level architectural resource surveys. The request was approved in the State of Florida's Fiscal Year 2025 budget and is being facilitated through a grant in the amount of \$50,000 from the Florida Department of State. Since the City is a CLG, the grant does not require matching funds.

Grant funds will be used to hire a historic preservation consultant to organize and conduct reconnaissance level architectural resource surveys of the Edgewood and River Oaks neighborhoods. A map of the proposed areas to survey is provided as Exhibit 3. This effort will create a historic context narrative for the selected areas and will include the identification of potential historic districts within each neighborhood as well as identify potential individual resources. The survey will result in the submission of Florida Master Site File historic structure forms, and a final survey report that conforms to Chapter 1A-46, Florida Administrative Code.

To adopt any of the findings to designate potentially eligible historic districts or historic landmarks found within an Architectural Resource Survey, further research as well as outreach to the communities surveyed and property owners would first need to be conducted. In the event that there is interest in designation, the process found in the City's Unified Land Development Regulations (ULDR) Section 47-24.11 shall be followed which includes specifics on who may submit a designation application, public hearing requirements, and designation eligibility criteria that must be met.

### **Resource Impact**

This action will result in a positive impact to the City in the amount of \$50,000. Funding will be appropriated as a reimbursement upon proof of expenditures related to this project. Accounts below will be utilized contingent upon the approval of the Consolidated Budget Amendment (CAM #25-0565).

**Source:**

<i>Funds available as of July 25, 2025</i>					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	COST CENTER NAME	CHARACTER CODE/ ACCOUNT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
10-129-9300- 334-501- 26GDOSARS	City-Wide Architectural Survey	Intergovernment Revenue/ Florida Department of State, Division of Historical Resources	\$0	\$0	\$50,000
<b>APPROPRIATION TOTAL ►</b>					\$50,000

**Use:**

ACCOUNT NUMBER	COST CENTER NAME	CHARACTER CODE/ ACCOUNT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
10-129-9300- 515-30-3199- 26GDOSARS	City-Wide Architectural Survey	Services/Materials /Other Professional Services	\$0	\$0	\$50,000
<b>APPROPRIATION TOTAL ►</b>					\$50,000

**Strategic Connections**

This item supports the Advance Fort Lauderdale 2040 Comprehensive Plan specifically advancing:

- The Neighborhood Enhancement Focus Area
- The Historic Preservation Element
- Goal 1: The City shall prepare and adopt a long-term approach to historic preservation which identifies and evaluates the City's historic resources.
- Objective HP 1.2: Resource Identification Consistent with the Certified Local Government agreement, historic, architectural, and archaeologically significant resources in the City of Fort Lauderdale shall be identified.
- Policy HP 1.2.2: Evaluate the historical resources of Fort Lauderdale for eligibility as historic landmarks, pursuant to the historic preservation ordinance and/or nomination to the National Register of Historic Places and develop a priority schedule

**Related CAM**

#25-0565 Consolidated Budget Amendment

**Attachments**

Exhibit 1 – Grant Award Agreement

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Exhibit 2 – Map of Areas Surveyed  
Exhibit 3 – Proposed Survey Area Map

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