



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

**#24-0055**

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

**FROM:** Greg Chavarria, City Manager

**DATE:** January 9, 2024

**TITLE:** Resolution Approving City of Fort Lauderdale FY 2024 Not For Profit Grant Participation Agreement with The Stranahan House, Inc., and a Third Addendum to Escrow Agreement with The Stranahan House, Inc., and Rogers, Morris & Ziegler LLP - \$100,000 - **(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

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**Recommendation**

Staff recommends the City Commission adopt a resolution approving a City of Fort Lauderdale FY 2024 Not For Profit Grant Participation Agreement with The Stranahan House, Inc., a not-for-profit corporation, (“Grant Participation Agreement”), and a Third Addendum to Escrow Agreement with The Stranahan House, Inc., and Rogers, Morris & Ziegler LLP, (“Third Addendum”), and authorizing execution of the Grant Participation Agreement and the Third Addendum.

**Background**

With the adoption of the FY 2024 Budget, the City Commission approved contributions to not-for-profit organizations that support the needs of the community while making a positive impact. The benefiting not-for-profit organization is required to execute a participation agreement that provides for the amount, terms of contribution, scope of services, and standards of performance. The City will provide the Stranahan House with a reimbursement grant to fund up to \$100,000 towards the construction of a new *Welcome Center*.

The Stranahan House is the oldest and most historically significant surviving structure in Broward County and is recognized as a museum, historic site, and social center for the community. The structure is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and remains the most iconic structure in all of Broward County. The funding will be used to construct a Welcome Center to help residents and visitors of all ages learn about the history of the region, thus furthering the social, cultural, and historic viability within the City of Fort Lauderdale.

This fourth installment of \$100,000 will be added to the previous three installments of \$100,000 each, and added to an escrow account administered by Rogers, Morris & Ziegler LLP as escrow agent, for distribution when The Stranahan House, Inc., is ready to build the Welcome Center. The organization has requested that the City’s total contribution over a five-year period total \$500,000.

**Resource Impact**

There is a fiscal impact to the General Fund in the amount of \$100,000 in FY 2024. Funding is budgeted and available in the account listed below.

<b>Funds available as of December 15, 2023</b>					
<b>ACCOUNT NUMBER</b>	<b>INDEX NAME (Program)</b>	<b>CHARACTER/ ACCOUNT NAME</b>	<b>AMENDED BUDGET (Character)</b>	<b>AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
10-001-9002-519-40-4210	Other General Government – Social/Cultural	Other Operating Expenses/Social Contributions	\$2,003,504	\$1,276,319	\$100,000
<b>TOTAL CONTRIBUTION ►</b>					<b>\$100,000</b>

**Strategic Connections**

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2024 Strategic Plan*, specifically advancing:

- The Public Places Focus Area
- Goal 3: Build a healthy and engaging community.
- Objective: Offer a diverse range of recreational and educational programming

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

**Attachments**

- Exhibit 1 – FY 2024 Not for Profit Grant Participation Agreement
- Exhibit 2 – Third Addendum to Escrow Agreement
- Exhibit 3 – FY 2021 Not for Profit Grant Participation Agreement
- Exhibit 4 – Escrow Agreement
- Exhibit 5 – FY 2022 Not for Profit Grant Participation Agreement
- Exhibit 6 – FY 2023 Not for Profit Grant Participation Agreement
- Exhibit 7 – Resolution No. 21-203
- Exhibit 8 – Resolution No. 22-33
- Exhibit 9 – Resolution No. 23-07
- Exhibit 10 – Resolution

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