



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

23-0679

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

FROM: Greg Chavarria, City Manager

DATE: September 5, 2023

TITLE: Resolution Approving a Grant Agreement and Authorizing the Acceptance of Grant Funds from the Florida Department of State awarded to the City of Fort Lauderdale for a "Small Matching Grant" for Architectural Resource Surveys of Dorsey-Riverbend and South Middle River – \$50,000 – **(Commission Districts 2 and 3)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the City Commission consider a resolution approving a grant agreement and authorizing the City Manager to accept a grant in the amount of \$50,000 from the Florida Department of State and execute documents required to accept the funds.

Background

In 1975 the City of Fort Lauderdale passed Ordinance number 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, landmarks, structures and archaeological sites, and in 2010 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 May 2022, the City 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 2024 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 Certified Local Government (CLG), the grant does not require matching funds.

Grant funds will be used to hire a historic preservation consultant to organize and conduct a reconnaissance level Architectural Resource Survey of the Dorsey-Riverbend and South Middle River neighborhoods. The survey will result in a minimum of 330 Florida Master Site File historic resource group and historic structure forms, and a final survey report that conforms to Chapter 1A-46, Florida Administrative Code.

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 Certified Local Government 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.

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 #23-0736.

Source:

Funds available as of August 3, 2023					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	COST CENTER NAME	CHARACTER CODE/ ACCOUNT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
10-129-9300-515-334-501- 23GARCHIT	City-Wide Architectural Survey	Intergovernment Revenue/ Florida Department of State, Division of Historical Resources	\$0	\$0	\$50,000
APPROPRIATION TOTAL ►					\$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- 23GARCHIT	City-Wide Architectural Survey	Services/Materials/Other Professional Services	\$0	\$0	\$50,000
APPROPRIATION TOTAL ►					\$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

#23-0736 Consolidated Budget Amendment

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Architectural Resource Survey Area Maps

Exhibit 2 – Grant Award Agreement

Exhibit 3 – Resolution

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