



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#25-0518

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

FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager

DATE: June 3, 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 Miami Rescue Mission Inc., Doing Business as Broward Outreach Center for Emergency Shelter Placement in an Amount Not to Exceed \$328,500 - **(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission approve an Amendment to exercise the first one (1)-year extension (July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026) of the Not-for-Profit Service Agreement between the City of Fort Lauderdale and Miami Rescue Mission Inc., doing business as (dba) Broward Outreach Center, for emergency shelter placement in an amount not to exceed \$328,500.

Background

In alignment with the City Commission's 2025 Priority of Homelessness, the City of Fort Lauderdale continues to identify and coordinate services to assist neighbors experiencing homelessness and improve the feeling of safety for our neighbors.

On July 2, 2024, (CAM #24-0613) the City Commission approved a Not-for-Profit Service Agreement with Miami Rescue Mission, Inc., dba Broward Outreach Center, for twenty (20) emergency shelter beds reserved for use by the City of Fort Lauderdale to house unsheltered individuals who are suitable for placement. Eight (8) of the emergency shelter beds are reserved for males, eight (8) emergency shelter beds are reserved for females, and four (4) emergency shelter beds within one (1) room are reserved for families.

The goal of the emergency shelter bed program is to provide short-term housing stabilization for those served with the assistance of case management and supportive services to encourage long term stability. Individuals and families can stay for up to sixty (60) days, which can be extended if the case manager confirms an individual or families' progress toward a housing plan. The existing Service Agreement ends on June 30, 2025, and allows for two (2) one (1)-year extensions.

Over the last eleven (11) months, the City has placed seventy-nine (79) individuals and two (2) families into the Broward Outreach Center emergency shelter program. The

average length of stay in emergency shelter is approximately fifty-eight (58) days, and the overall occupancy rate based on the number of beds assigned for referral by the City of Fort Lauderdale is eighty-three (83) percent. During this time, eleven (11) individuals were placed on a housing or an employment plan. Seven (7) individuals completed their plan and moved into housing, transitioned to an alternative housing program, or were reunified with a friend or their family.

Resource Impact

There will be a fiscal impact for FY25 of \$82,125, the remaining amount will be reflected in FY26 for an amount not to exceed \$246,375 contingent on future year appropriation.

Funds available as of May 5, 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	\$139,879	\$82,125
TOTAL AMOUNT ►					\$82,125

Strategic Connections

This item is a 2025 *Commission Annual Action Plan* Top Priority, advancing Homelessness and Housing Opportunities.

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

- Neighborhood Enhancement
- Goal 4: Build a thriving and inclusive community of neighborhoods.
- Objective: Work with partners to reduce homelessness by promoting independence and self-worth through advocacy, housing and comprehensive services.

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 – Amendment to Miami Rescue Mission Not-for-Profit Service Agreement

Exhibit 2 – Miami Rescue Mission, Inc. – FY 2024 Not for Profit Service Agreement

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