



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

**#24-0952**

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

**FROM:** Susan Grant, Acting City Manager

**DATE:** December 3, 2024

**TITLE:** Resolution Approving FY 2025 Not For Profit Grant Participation Agreement with The Stranahan House, Inc., and a Fourth 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 2025 Not For Profit Grant Participation Agreement with The Stranahan House, Inc., a not-for-profit corporation, (“Grant Participation Agreement”), and a Fourth Addendum to Escrow Agreement with The Stranahan House, Inc., and Rogers, Morris & Ziegler LLP, (“Fourth Addendum”), and authorizing execution of the Grant Participation Agreement and the Fourth Addendum.

**Background**

With the adoption of the FY 2025 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 for 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 fifth and final installment of \$100,000 will be added to the previous four 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 City’s contribution after this approval will total \$500,000 towards the Welcome Center. This will be the last year of the planned contribution. There have been no requests to draw funds from the existing escrow account and the current balance is \$400,000 from the City’s prior year contributions.

**Resource Impact**

There is a fiscal impact to the General Fund in the amount of \$100,000 in FY 2025. Funding is budgeted and available in the account listed below.

<i>Funds available as of November 5, 2024</i>					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (Program)	CHARACTER/ ACCOUNT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
10-001-9002-519-40-4210	Other General Government – Social/Cultural	Other Operating Expenses/Social Contributions	\$3,190,228	\$3,087,728	\$100,000
<b>TOTAL CONTRIBUTION ►</b>					<b>\$100,000</b>

**Strategic Connections**

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

- Goal 5: Build a beautiful and welcoming community.

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

**Attachments**

- Exhibit 1 – FY 2025 Not for Profit Grant Participation Agreement
- Exhibit 2 – Fourth 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 – FY 2024 Not for Profit Grant Participation Agreement
- Exhibit 8 – Resolution No. 21-203
- Exhibit 9 – Resolution No. 22-33
- Exhibit 10 – Resolution No. 23-07
- Exhibit 11 – Resolution No. 24-06
- Exhibit 12 – Resolution

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