



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#25-1000

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

FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager

DATE: November 18, 2025

TITLE: Resolution Approving Fiscal Year 2026 Not for Profit Grant Participation Agreement with Nova Southeastern University, Inc. for the NSU Art Museum - \$500,000 - (**Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4**)

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission adopt a resolution approving a City of Fort Lauderdale Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Not for Profit Grant Participation Agreement with Nova Southeastern University, Inc., a not-for-profit corporation, for the NSU Art Museum, and authorizing execution of the agreement in the amount of \$500,000.

Background

With the adoption of the FY 2026 Budget, the City Commission approved contributions to not-for-profit organizations that support the needs of the community. The benefiting not-for-profit organization is required to execute a participation agreement that provides for the maximum funding amount, terms of contribution, scope of services, and standards of performance.

NSU Art Museum is recognized nationally as a leading art museum and is a cultural hub for the City and the entire region. The funding will be used to provide innovative art exhibitions and supplemental cultural, educational and enrichment programs for Fort Lauderdale neighbors and to stimulate tourism in Fort Lauderdale. Additionally, in exchange for the City's donation, the NSU Art Museum will designate a monthly Fort Lauderdale Neighbor Day and extend a 10% discount on catalogs published by the NSU Art Museum to residents of the City of Fort Lauderdale. The NSU Art Museum will also provide up to nine (9) free rentals of the auditorium space for city events or public meetings.

Resource Impact

There is a fiscal impact to the General Fund in the amount of \$500,000 in FY 2026. Funding is budgeted and available per the table on the following page.

Funds available as of November 6, 2025					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (Program)	CHARACTER/ SUB-OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (CHARACTER)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (CHARACTER)	AMOUNT
10-001-9002-519-40-4210	Other General Government – Social/Cultural	Other Operating Expense/ Social Contributions	\$2,149,199	\$1,334,913	\$500,000
TOTAL CONTRIBUTION ►					\$500,000

Strategic Connections

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

- The Public Places Focus Area, Goal 5: Build a beautiful and welcoming community.

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

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

- The Public Places Focus Area
- The Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Element
- Goal 1: Be a community where persons of all ages are able to partake in a fun and healthy lifestyle.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Agreement

Exhibit 2 – Resolution

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