



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

25-0759

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

FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager

DATE: September 3, 2025

TITLE: Resolution Approving a City of Fort Lauderdale FY 2025 Not For Profit
Grant Participation Agreement with Fort Lauderdale Historical Society, Inc.
- \$100,000 - **(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission adopt a resolution approving a City of Fort Lauderdale FY 2025 Not for Profit Grant Participation Agreement with Fort Lauderdale Historical Society, Inc., a not-for-profit organization, ("Grant Participation Agreement"), in the amount of \$100,000, and authorizing execution of the Grant Participation Agreement.

Background

The City Commission approves 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 maximum funding amount, terms of contribution, scope of services, and standards of performance. The City will provide the Fort Lauderdale Historical Society with a grant of up to \$100,000 towards capital improvements to the historic King-Cromartie House Museum.

Fort Lauderdale Historical Society, Inc. (FLHS) serves a municipal public purpose by enriching the educational, cultural, and historical life of the City of Fort Lauderdale. It serves as an important resource as a heritage tourist destination within the Riverwalk Arts and Entertainment District. On January 28, 2001, the City entered into a fifty (50) year lease agreement with FLHS providing the organization with the use of the King-Cromartie House building, which is owned by the City.

The museum is a one-and-a-half-story, local pine wood-framed vernacular home, built in 1907 by Edwin Thomas King, a local contractor. Originally located on the south bank of the New River, the home is typical of turn-of-the-century Florida architecture; few examples of which endured the devastating 1926 hurricane. It is significant as a pioneer structure built and occupied by one of the earliest settlers in Fort Lauderdale. Edwin King's name is associated with many of the first buildings erected in the City, including the New River Inn, Bonnet House, the Las Olas Inn, the first and second schools, and

several private residences.

The funding will be used for capital improvements to the historic King-Cromartie House Museum, which is regularly toured by school groups and other visitors.

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 August 3, 2025</i>					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	COST CENTER NAME	CHARACTER/ ACCOUNT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (CHARACTER)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (CHARACTER)	AMOUNT
10-331-9100-575-60-6599-P12939	Fort Lauderdale Historical Society Building Improvements	Capital Outlay/ Construction	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
TOTAL CONTRIBUTION ►					\$100,000

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 Prosperous.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Agreement

Exhibit 2 – Resolution

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