



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#25-0643

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

FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager

DATE: June 17, 2025

TITLE: Motion Accepting the National League of Cities Advancing Economic
Mobility Grant - \$20,000 - **(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission approve a grant agreement with the National League of Cities (NLC) as part of the Advancing Mobility Rapid Grant program supporting the City's efforts to increase economic mobility for families by providing support to strengthen or start small businesses.

Background

NLC launched its third Advancing Economic Mobility Rapid Grant program cohort. NLC offered grants of up to \$20,000 to municipalities that are committed to boosting the economic mobility of residents. The program is supported with funding from the Gates Foundation and will run from June 2, 2025, through December 31, 2025.

The funding is available to members of NLC's Economic Mobility Peer Network (EMPN), which all municipalities can join at no cost. The City of Fort Lauderdale is a member of the network. Further, the EMPN is the premiere method for municipal leaders, staff and partners to engage with peers to address pressing economic mobility issues through monthly learning opportunities and direct communication.

The City, via the Public Affairs division, applied for the grant and was selected for award. NLC will provide the City a grant in the amount of \$20,000 to support costs associated with testing ideas, planning projects, and supporting existing strategies that respond to community needs and advance economic mobility as outlined in the City's application. The City team will be expected to participate in an Economic Mobility Convening in October 2025 with teams from all the selected municipalities. At the convening, the teams will showcase their work, including results achieved to date and efforts to sustain or grow the work beyond the grant period.

Resource Impact

There is an anticipated positive fiscal impact to the City in the amount of \$20,000. This item is contingent upon the approval of the Consolidated Budget Amendment CAM #25-0562, which will be presented for consideration on June 30, 2025.

Source:

Funds available as of May 28, 2025					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	PROJECT NAME (Program)	ACCOUNT/ ACTIVITY NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
10-129-9300-552-337- 900-25GGFAEM	NLC Advancing Economic Mobility Grant	Local Government Unit Grant – Other	\$0	\$0	\$20,000
APPROPRIATION TOTAL ►					\$20,000

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ACCOUNT NUMBER	PROJECT NAME (Program)	CHARACTER/ ACCOUNT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
10-129-9300-552-40-4299- 25GGFAEM	NLC Advancing Economic Mobility Grant	Other Operating Expenses/ Other Contributions	\$0	\$0	\$20,000
APPROPRIATION TOTAL ►					\$20,000

Strategic Connections

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

- The Business Growth and Support, Goal 6: Build a diverse and attractive economy

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

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

- The Business Development Area
- Economic Development
- Goal 2: Enhance the economic competitiveness of Fort Lauderdale through policies that encourage retention and recruitment of business and industry which provide living-wage employment and increased training and competitiveness of the local workforce.

Attachment

Exhibit 1 – Advancing Economic Mobility Rapid Grant Memorandum of Understanding

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