



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#24-0577

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

FROM: Susan Grant, Acting City Manager

DATE: July 2, 2024

TITLE: Resolution Approving the 2024-26 Federal Legislative Program for the City
of Fort Lauderdale - **(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission adopt a resolution approving the City of Fort Lauderdale's 2024-26 Federal Legislative Program, authorizing the City Manager to approve any subsequent changes to the City's 2024-26 Federal Legislative Program for the duration of the 118th United States Congress through the 119th United States Congress, and delegating to the City Manager the authority to approve grant applications and to enter into agreements on behalf of the City of Fort Lauderdale related to the City's 2024-26 Federal Legislative Program.

Background

The City's Public Affairs Manager along with the contract lobbyists, will advocate and lobby the City's interests during the Congressional session. Through this resolution, the Commission provides direction to City staff, lobbyists, and other interested parties as to the official position of the City of Fort Lauderdale regarding issues, pending legislation, and funding requests affecting the operation of local government.

This item also allows appropriate staff to explore and apply for reasonable federal funding opportunities with the approval of the City Manager. The City Commission will be made aware of all grant applications via memo from the City Manager. This item also authorizes the City Manager to execute grant agreements requiring execution between City Commission meetings, and in such event the executed agreement will be presented to the City Commission for ratification at the next City Commission meeting. This will only be done in exigent circumstances to not lose the funding opportunities for much needed projects.

The attached document articulates the City of Fort Lauderdale's 2024-26 Federal Legislative Program based on the discussion and presentation at the City Commission Workshop on February 20, 2024.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

Strategic Connections

This item is a *FY 2024 Commission Priority*, advancing Economic Development; Housing Accessibility; Infrastructure and Resilience; Public Places; Public Safety; and Transportation and Traffic initiatives.

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

- The Housing Focus Area, Goal 2: Enable housing options for all income levels.
- The Infrastructure Focus Area, Goal 4: Facilitate an efficient, multimodal transportation network.
- The Business Growth and Support Focus Area, Goal 6: Build a diverse and attractive economy and
- Guiding Principle: Fiscal Responsibility

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We Are Ready, We are Prosperous and We Are United*.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – 2024-26 Draft Federal Legislative Program

Exhibit 2 – Resolution

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