



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

**#17-1236**

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

**FROM:** Lee R. Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

**DATE:** November 7, 2017

**TITLE:** Motion to Provide Funding for the Greater Fort Lauderdale Sister Cities  
International, Inc. - \$57,000 (three-year total)

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**Recommendation**

It is recommended the City Commission approve a motion authorizing the Mayor and City Manager to execute an agreement with the Greater Fort Lauderdale Sister Cities International, Inc. (Sister Cities) for three fiscal years, FY2017-2018, FY2018-2019, and FY2019-2020. The agreement will include a funding allocation of \$19,000 to Sister Cities for each fiscal year covered by the agreement for a total of \$57,000. The City will also provide Sister Cities with storage space at the Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport, or other City-owned facility, on an “as available” basis and without cost.

**Background**

Since 2008, the City Commission has approved a funding allocation agreement with Sister Cities providing annual funding of \$19,000 for the City's financial contribution to the Sister Cities programs. Last year, the City also provided Sister Cities with storage space at the Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport, or other City-owned facility, on an “as available” basis and without cost.

The National Sister Cities International Foundation has played an active role around the world since 1956 and represents communities in many states, districts, and territories. Serving Fort Lauderdale since 1990, Sister Cities is a nonprofit citizen diplomacy network creating and strengthening partnerships between Fort Lauderdale and international communities in an effort to increase global cooperation at the municipal level. This Passport to the world promotes cultural understanding and humanitarian programming and stimulates economic development. Sister Cities leads the movement for local community development and volunteer action by motivating and empowering private citizens, municipal officials, and business leaders to conduct long-term programs of mutual benefit. The Sister Cities program includes:

- Developing municipal partnerships between U.S. cities, counties, and states and similar jurisdictions in other nations.
- Providing opportunities for city officials and citizens to experience and explore other cultures through long-term community partnerships.

- Creating an atmosphere in which economic and community development can be implemented and strengthened.
- Stimulating environments through which communities will creatively learn, work, and solve problems together through reciprocal cultural, educational, municipal, professional, and technical exchanges and projects.
- Collaborate with organizations in the United States and other countries which share similar goals.

**Resource Impact**

There will be a fiscal impact to the City in the amount of \$19,000 for each fiscal year of the agreement, or \$57,000 in total for the three fiscal years. The fiscal impact to the City for FY 2018 is \$19,000.

<b><i>Funds available as of October 3, 2017:</i></b>					
<b>ACCOUNT NUMBER</b>	<b>INDEX NAME (Program)</b>	<b>CHARACTER CODE/ SUB-OBJECT NAME</b>	<b>AMENDED BUDGET</b>	<b>AVAILABLE BALANCE</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
001- GEN010101- 4210	Other General Government – Social/Cultural	Other Operating Expenses/ Social Contributions	\$1,007,503	\$1,007,503	\$19,000
<b>TOTAL ►</b>					<b>\$19,000</b>

Funding for FY2018-2019 and FY2019-2020 is subject to the approval of funding allocations for each year.

**Strategic Connections**

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018* initiative, included within the Business Development Cylinder of Excellence, specifically advancing:

- Goal 7: Be a well-positioned City within the global economic and tourism markets of the South Florida region, leveraging our airports, port, and rail connections.
- Objective 2: Facilitate a responsive and proactive business climate.

This item advances the Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We are Prosperous.

**Attachment**

Exhibit 1 - Agreement

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