



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

FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager

DATE: February 17, 2026

TITLE: Resolution Approving the Amendment to Coordinated Opioid Recovery Program Services Agreement with Broward Behavioral Health Coalition and Authorizing Acceptance of Additional Grant Funds in the Amount of \$375,000 - **(Commission Districts 1, 2 ,3 and 4)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission adopt a resolution approving the acceptance of additional grant funds in the amount of \$375,000 through an Amendment to the Coordinated Opioid Recovery Program Services Agreement with Broward Behavioral Health Coalition, in substantially the form attached, and authorizing the City Manager to execute any documents required to accept the funds.

Background

The Broward Behavioral Health Coalition (BBHC) has awarded the City of Fort Lauderdale \$375,000 in additional grant funding to support efforts to combat the opioid crisis. This builds on the \$500,000 grant previously awarded for the same initiative (Commission Agenda Memorandum (CAM) #24-0621) for the same initiative. Previously awarded funding has provided the department with the ability to purchase a vehicle and hire a full-time Community Health Coordinator within the Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue (FLFR) Department. Additionally, the department has developed protocols and is currently coordinating with partnering organizations to implement the program framework.

The CORE grant closely aligns with FLFR’s ongoing work to address the needs of frequent callers and vulnerable residents through the Mobile Integrated Health Program, further strengthening the City’s commitment to proactive, community-focused care. The additional funding will continue to support the salary of the Community Health Coordinator, as well as the programmatic promotional and training activities.

Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) affects thousands of Americans annually. In 2024, the City of Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue (FLFR) responded to 648 opioid-related incidents, while in 2025, FLFR responded to 500 such incidents. The CORE Program’s main pillars include first responders, hospital emergency departments, and treatment facilities. BBHC’s objective is to expand access and remove barriers to treatment for OUD. FLFR continues

to collaborate and partner with community organizations through the Mobile Integrated Health (MIH) program to support populations most affected by substance abuse. This grant enables the City to enhance social support for individuals at high risk for overdose by visiting patients daily to monitor their condition and administer medication for up to fourteen (14) days, thus promoting public safety.

Resource Impact

This action will result in a positive impact to the City in the amount of \$375,000. This item is contingent upon approval of the Consolidated Budget Amendment (CAM #26-0061) which will be included on the March 3, 2026, City Commission Regular Meeting agenda.

Source:

<i>Funds available as of February 17, 2026</i>					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	COST CENTER NAME	CHARACTER CODE/ ACCOUNT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
10-129-9300-529-337-201-26GCORE	FY26 Coordinated Opioid Recovery Program	Intergovernmental Revenues/ Broward County - Public Safety	N/A	N/A	\$375,000
TOTAL AMOUNT →					\$375,000

Use:

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ACCOUNT NUMBER	COST CENTER NAME	CHARACTER CODE/ ACCOUNT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
10-129-9300-529-10-1199-26GCORE	FY26 Coordinated Opioid Recovery Program	Salaries and Wages/ Other Regular Salaries	N/A	N/A	\$80,000
10-129-9300-529-20-2199-26GCORE	FY26 Coordinated Opioid Recovery Program	Salaries and Wages/ Other Employee Benefits	N/A	N/A	\$20,000
10-129-9300-529-30-3201-26GCORE	FY26 Coordinated Opioid Recovery Program	Services/ Materials/ Ad/Marketing	N/A	N/A	\$50,000
10-129-9300-529-30-3925-26GCORE	FY26 Coordinated Opioid Recovery Program	Services/ Materials/ Office Equipment < \$5000	N/A	N/A	\$150,000
10-129-9300-529-40-4119-26GCORE	FY26 Coordinated Opioid Recovery Program	Other Operating Expenses/ Training & Travel	N/A	N/A	\$75,000
TOTAL AMOUNT →					\$375,000

Strategic Connections

This item is a 2026 Commission Priority, advancing the Public Safety initiatives.

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

- The Public Safety Focus Area
- Goal 1: Be a safe community that is proactive and responsive to risks

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

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

- The Public Safety Focus Area
- Coastal Management, Community Health, and Safety Element
- Goal 4.5: Community Health and Safety. Ensure local standards and proactive measures to enhance community health and safety in the City of Fort Lauderdale.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – CORE Original Agreement

Exhibit 2 – CORE Amended Agreement

Exhibit 3 – Coordinated Opioid Recovery (CORE) Program

Exhibit 4 – Resolution

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