



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

#25-0286

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

FROM: Susan Grant, Acting City Manager

DATE: March 4, 2025

TITLE: Motion Approving a Not-for-Profit Service Agreement between the City of
Fort Lauderdale and Fellowship Recovery Community Organization, Inc. for
the Mental Health and Substance Abuse Housing Program - \$125,000
(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission approve a FY 2025 Not-for-Profit Service Agreement between the City of Fort Lauderdale (“City”) and Fellowship Recovery Community Organization, Inc., (“Fellowship”) to provide facility-based substance use stabilization and housing to individuals experiencing homelessness in the amount of \$125,000.

Background

In an effort to advance the City Commission’s 2025 Priority on Homelessness Initiatives, staff is requesting approval of a not-for-profit service agreement with Fellowship to provide substance misuse recovery services. Funding of this program comes from a grant agreement between the City of Fort Lauderdale and the State of Florida, Department of Children and Families, previously approved under resolution 24-269.

Fellowship shall provide recovery support services including residential and detoxification treatment beds for individuals experiencing homelessness within the City of Fort Lauderdale. Linkage to community-based assets, recovery community engagement and recovery housing, daily meals (respite detoxification only) and case management. The goals are to enhance the ability of recipients to achieve stable housing and become self-sufficient, and improve public health, safety, and welfare to serve a legitimate public and municipal purpose.

Homeless individuals deemed appropriate for voluntary admission to Fellowship for substance use treatment and support services will actively participate toward achieving their treatment goals for up to 90 days. At the 90-day mark, participants making marked improvement will be assessed for an extension not to exceed an additional 90-days (maximum treatment stay up to 180 days). Respite services will be billed at a rate of \$90.00 per day not to exceed 14 days per referred client. Residential recovery services will be billed at a rate of \$38.28 per day (meals not included). Expenditures for client

transportation will be reimbursed monthly on a cost-reimbursement basis.

The performance measures within this contract include:

- 25% of program participants will successfully transition to stable housing at discharge.
- 90% of referrals received will be enrolled and receive support services within 15 calendar days from acceptance of the referral.

Resource Impact

There will be a fiscal impact in the amount of \$125,000. Funding of this program comes from a grant agreement between the City of Fort Lauderdale and the State of Florida, Department of Children and Families, previously approved under resolution 24-269.

| Funds available as of March 3, 2025 | | | | | |
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| ACCOUNT NUMBER | COST CENTER | CHARACTER CODE/ ACCOUNT NAME | AMENDED BUDGET (Character) | AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character) | AMOUNT |
| 10-129-9300-519-30-3299-25GDCFQL | 'FL Dept of Children and Family - Mental Health and Substance Abuse Housing Program | Services/Materials/ Other Services | \$250,000 | \$250,000 | \$125,000 |
| TOTAL AMOUNT ► | | | | | \$125,000 |

Strategic Connections

This item is a 2025 *Commission Annual Action Plan* Priority, advancing the Homelessness 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.

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

Attachment

Exhibit 1 - Fellowship Agreement

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