



Memorandum

Memorandum No: 24-169

Date: December 31, 2024
To: Honorable Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Commissioners
From: Susan Grant, Acting City Manager
Re: Fiscal Year 2024 Grants Summary - Year in Review

The City of Fort Lauderdale continues to seek out grants that are in alignment with, and support, the goals of the City Commission’s Annual Action Plan, the City’s Strategic Plan, and the City’s Vision Plan. I am pleased to present this overview of the City of Fort Lauderdale’s grant activities for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024. This represents the eleventh (11th) year of the City’s centralized grant pre-approval, tracking, and quarterly reporting process, which aims to ensure the effective and sustainable management of our technical and financial resources.

The City of Fort Lauderdale received grant funding in FY 2024 from two different categories: 1) competitive grants and 2) Housing and Community Development (HCD) entitlement grants. Total grant awards of \$22.2 million was received for competitive grants, and a total of \$11.7 million was received for HCD entitlement grants – equating to a grand total of over \$33.9 million. The amounts by grant category are detailed in this memo.

The Citywide effort is represented below in the grant activities summary chart for FY 2024. Staff applied for 50 grants requesting over \$132.1 million in funding for City priorities. The City was awarded 38 grants, eighteen (18) of which were applied for in prior years, resulting in a total award amount of \$22.2 million.

A comprehensive table of all grants applied for, or received, in FY 2024 is provided as Exhibit I to this memo.

SUMMARY OF CITYWIDE COMPETITIVE GRANT ACTIVITIES FOR FY 2024

Table with 4 columns: Grant Award Status, Number of Grants, Amount Requested, Amount Awarded. Rows include Awarded, Not Awarded/Pending Notification, and Total.

*Eighteen (18) of the grants awarded were applied for in prior fiscal years. Their award amount totals \$5.1 million.

HIGHLIGHTS OF FY 2024 GRANT AWARDS

- The Renovation of Cooley's Landing Marina received \$3.2 million in funding from three (3) agencies – the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, the Florida Inland Navigation District and Broward County. This funding will be used to demolish and rebuild the marina, renovate the site's boating facility including Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility and seawall improvements, renovation of the existing picnic facilities and restroom building, new landscaping, security lighting, benches and trash receptacles. These grants will supplement Parks Bond resources dedicated to this project.
- The Transportation and Mobility Department received a grant totaling \$974,000 to conduct a study on the New River Crossing alternatives. This study will analyze the impact to economic development, environmental review, equity and public benefit, impacts on property and traffic. Some of the economic development focus will look at the potential impact of a bridge or tunnel on the local, regional and state economy, and forecast future impacts on economic growth. It will also provide an initial environmental review for New River Crossing alternatives, as well as review and identify potential impacts as it relates to cultural placemaking, job placement, wealth building and how to mitigate these anticipated impacts.
- The United States Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services awarded two (2) grants to the Police Department, totaling \$1,007,405. The first grant in the amount of \$750,000 is for the hiring of six (6) full time sworn police officers, funded for five (5) years, to increase the City's community policing capacity and crime prevention efforts. The City's focus will be to improve local law enforcement's response to individuals in need of mental health services, especially in cases where an arrest may not be the best course of action. The second grant in the amount of \$257,405 will initiate a Co-Responder Pilot program to hire one (1) position, funded for two (2) years, wherein a civilian clinician will respond to calls for service involving persons in crisis with mental health disorders or co-occurring mental health and substance abuse disorders. The goal of this program is to improve public health and safety responses and outcomes for individuals living with these disorders who encounter the criminal justice system. Both these grants will work hand in hand.
- The Florida Department of Transportation through its Local Agency Program (LAP) grant provided funding to the Transportation and Mobility Department in the amount of \$708,364 for the design of the Tarpon River and Shady Banks Neighborhood Improvements project. The design scope includes installation of pedestrian lighting, raised intersections, a bulb out and sidewalk construction, a mini roundabout, and a raised table intersection. Once the design phase is completed, additional LAP funding has been programmed for the construction phase, which will require another agreement.

- The Education Office of the City Manager’s Office was awarded \$704,836 from the Education Enrichment Program through the Florida Department of Education. These funds were appropriated in the State’s budget for FY 2024 to build on the success of the City’s summer academic program and expand services to include after school enrichment, workforce exploration and citizenship development. Children and young people from low-income families benefited from career-aligned academic enrichment and tutoring delivered by certified teachers through after school and summer programs. The program also provided supplementary career and college readiness training and civic education through a workshop series. It also offered thirty (30) paid summer internships for eligible high school students which expanded work-based learning opportunities.
- The City of Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue Department was awarded \$11,368,788 for the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency to support the hiring of twenty-eight (28) firefighters, funded for three (3) years, strengthening the City’s emergency response capabilities. The objectives of the grant are to assist local fire departments with staffing and deployment capabilities to respond to emergencies and ensure that communities have adequate protection from fire and fire-related hazards. The grant award will allow the Fire Rescue department to increase staffing to create a three-person team on six (6) medical rescue units.

FY 2024 LETTER OF SUPPORT

In addition to the grant applications outlined in the award summary from Exhibit 1, the City provided the below letters of support to organizations seeking grant funding for initiatives that enhanced the City’s Vision Plan. In FY 2024 the City supported Florida Atlantic University’s application to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s (NOAA) 2023 Climate Ready Workforce for Coastal States, Tribes and Territories Competition. If the grant is received, the program will create a module-based climate resilience training initiative, which will be embedded in existing training programs such as registered apprenticeships, industry certifications, adult education and university coursework.

SOURCE OF GRANT FUNDS

Federal and State grants account for 90% of the grants awarded in FY 2024. These grants often provide comprehensive support to programs and initiatives but also require a financial commitment from the City.

Below is a summary of grants received during FY 2024 by funding source:

Source of Grant Funds			
Source	Number of Awards	Amount Awarded	Grant Match
Federal	9	\$ 14,022,710	\$ 1,184,075
State	23	5,327,312	1,543,468
County	3	2,291,496	100,000
Private	3	509,998	6,998
Total	38	\$ 22,151,516	\$ 2,834,541

FIVE-YEAR GRANT AWARD SUMMARY

Over the past five years, the City secured over \$86.1 million in grant funding. The value of grants awarded in FY 2024 was \$22.2 million. Many of the City’s grants award funds for multiple years and provide continued funding beyond the fiscal year in which a grant is awarded. Multi-year grants do not require submission of new grant applications.

A summary of grants awarded over the past five years is provided below:

Five-Year Grant Award Summary		
Fiscal Year	Number of Awards	Amount Awarded
FY 2020 Award	26	\$6,193,221
FY 2021 Award	43	\$9,089,682
FY 2022 Award*	27	\$16,762,586
FY 2023 Award*	28	\$31,869,961
FY 2024 Award	38	\$22,151,516
Total	162	\$86,066,966

*FY 2022 and FY 2023 amounts awarded are high due to the acceptance of a \$10.5 million dollar award and \$24.0 million in awards for Stormwater improvements projects respectively.

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM ENTITLEMENT GRANTS

A separate component of the City’s grants program is \$11.7 million in housing and community development entitlement grants received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the Florida Housing Finance Corporation in FY 2024.

- The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program supports building stronger and more resilient communities through a variety of development activities. Activities may address infrastructure needs, economic development projects, public facilities installations, housing rehabilitations, public services, land clearance or acquisitions, code enforcement issues, and homeowner assistance.
- The HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) provides state and local governments grants to create affordable housing for low-income households.
- The Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA) program is dedicated to housing projects that benefit low-income persons living with HIV/AIDS and their families.
- The Florida Housing Finance Corporation administers the State Housing Initiatives Partnership program (SHIP), which provides funds to local governments as an incentive to create partnerships that produce and preserve affordable homeownership and multifamily housing. The program was designed to serve very low-, low-, and moderate-income families.

A five-year fiscal summary of the entitlement fund allocations that the City received is provided below:

Five-Year Entitlement Grants Summary						
HCD Entitlement Grants	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)	\$1,588,589	\$1,574,113	\$1,522,029	\$1,508,053	\$1,498,833	
HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME)	\$719,537	\$714,352	\$791,858	\$769,196	\$631,429	
Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)	\$7,114,059	\$7,088,032	\$7,210,033	\$8,050,351	\$8,063,888	
State Housing Initiatives Partnership Program (SHIP)	\$ -*	\$1,251,351	\$1,782,257	\$2,168,696	\$1,482,920	
Total Entitlement Grants	\$9,422,185	\$10,627,848	\$11,306,177	\$12,496,296	\$11,677,070	

*The State did not appropriate funding to the SHIP program in FY 2020.

OVERVIEW OF CENTRALIZED GRANTS PROGRAM

A quality grants management program furthers our efforts towards sound fiscal management and accountability. By obtaining grant funding for necessary purchases, City funds can be redirected to other high priority needs such as facilities maintenance, infrastructure improvements, transportation enhancements, and neighbor services that make the City of Fort Lauderdale: *The City You Never Want To Leave!*

To this end, strategic enhancements of the centralized grants management system continue to be a top priority. This includes maintaining and strengthening the following processes:

- Training and access to grants research software is provided to relevant staff throughout the organization.
- Identification, communication, and centralized coordination of grants opportunities.
- Ongoing pre-approval and tracking of all grant activity throughout the City. The FY 2024 Grant Summary is attached as Exhibit 1.
- Continued quarterly grants status report creation and distribution along with cross departmental discussions regarding grants at quarterly FL²STAT meetings.
- Continuation of an annual Grants Plan of Action to identify all grants that the City plans to pursue during the upcoming year and the department responsible. The FY 2025 Grant Resource Guide is attached as Exhibit 2.
- Active engagement with our State and Federal lobbyists to advocate for the City of Fort Lauderdale’s grant applications and appropriations requests.

I am pleased with the continued high performance of City staff administering the City's Grants Program. I am confident that the City is well positioned to quickly identify and apply for opportunities as they arise, and that the upcoming year will be one of robust grants activity.

Attachments:

Exhibit 1: City of Fort Lauderdale FY 2024 Grant Award Summary

Exhibit 2: City of Fort Lauderdale FY 2025 Grant Resource Guide

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Project Title	Grantor	Department	Grant Application Amount	Grant Application Match Amount	Grant Award Amount	Award Match Amount
Grant Applications Awarded						
Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy	Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy	City Manager	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -
FY 2024 Education Enrichment Program	Florida Department of Education	City Manager	704,836.00	-	704,836.00	-
FY 2024 Community Court Grant	Office of the State Courts Administrator	City Manager	100,000.00	-	100,000.00	-
Design and Construct FXE Maintenance Apron Pavement Rehab	Florida Department of Transportation	City Manager - FXE	87,000.00	87,000.00	87,000.00	87,000.00
Design and Construction of Taxiway Echo Pavement Rehab	Florida Department of Transportation	City Manager - FXE	204,800.00	51,200.00	204,800.00	51,200.00
FXE Runway 9-27 Rehabilitation Program	Florida Department of Transportation	City Manager - FXE	440,771.00	-	440,771.00	-
Runway 9 Western Extension & Parallel Taxiway Extension	Florida Department of Transportation	City Manager - FXE	320,000.00	21,250.00	320,000.00	21,250.00
City-Wide Architectural Survey*	Florida Department of State - Division of Historical Resources	Development Services	50,000.00	-	50,000.00	-
Sailboat Bend Historic District Story*	Florida Department of State - Division of Historical Resources	Development Services	50,000.00	-	50,000.00	-
FY 2024 Coordinated Opioid Recovery Program	Broward Behavioral Health Coalition	Fire Rescue	500,000.00	-	500,000.00	-
FY 2023 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) - Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue (FLFR) Hazmat Monitor	U.S. Department of Homeland Security	Fire Rescue	81,000.00	-	81,000.00	-
FY 2023 UASI - Emergency Operation Center (EOC) Enhancement	U.S. Department of Homeland Security	Fire Rescue	65,843.00	-	65,843.00	-
FY 2023 UASI - Fort Lauderdale Police Department (FLPD) Cybersecurity Equipment and Back Up System Enhancement	U.S. Department of Homeland Security	Fire Rescue	101,324.00	-	101,324.00	-
FY 2023 UASI - FLFR Technical Rescue Team (TRT) Equipment and Trailer	U.S. Department of Homeland Security	Fire Rescue	106,350.00	-	106,350.00	-
Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant	U.S. Department of Homeland Security - Federal Emergency Management Agency	Fire Rescue	11,785,074.00	3,467,695.00	11,386,788.00	584,085.00
FY 2024 Cybersecurity Grant**	Florida Department of Management Services	Information Technology	-	-	-	-
Broward Boating Improvement Program (BBIP) for Cooley's Landing Marina Replacement*	Broward County	Parks and Recreation	600,000.00	600,000.00	600,000.00	100,000.00
Cooley's Landing Marina Replacement*	Broward County	Parks and Recreation	1,000,000.00	1,400,000.00	1,500,000.00	-
Bass Park Renovation Project*	Florida Department of Environmental Protection	Parks and Recreation	200,000.00	200,000.00	200,000.00	-
Renovation of Cooley's Landing Marine*	Florida Department of Environmental Protection	Parks and Recreation	1,100,000.00	1,100,000.00	1,100,000.00	1,100,000.00
Joseph C. Carter Park Improvements Grant*	Florida Department of State Division of Cultural Affairs	Parks and Recreation	200,000.00	200,000.00	118,599.00	237,198.00
Abandoned Vessel - It is What it is*	Florida Inland Navigation District	Parks and Recreation	5,644.00	-	5,644.00	-
FY 2024 FIND WAP Engine Replacement*	Florida Inland Navigation District	Parks and Recreation	45,095.00	45,095.00	45,095.00	45,095.00
Removal of Abandoned Derelict 28' Carver Motor Yacht*	Florida Inland Navigation District	Parks and Recreation	4,275.00	1,725.00	4,275.00	1,725.00
Bathymetric Survey of the New River	Marine Industries Association of South Florida	Parks and Recreation	6,998.00	6,998.00	6,998.00	6,998.00
Enhanced Marine Law Enforcement FY24*	Broward County	Police	147,256.00	-	191,496.00	-
FY 2024 FDLE Office of Criminal Justice Grants*	Florida Department of Law Enforcement	Police	9,945.00	-	9,550.00	-
FY 2023 FDOT Pedestrian & Bicyclist Safety Program	Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)	Police	74,194.52	-	74,194.52	-
FY 2024 FDOT Pedestrian & Bicyclist Safety Program*	Florida Department of Transportation	Police	72,900.00	-	83,553.33	-
FY 2024 FDOT State Safety Office Program*	Florida Department of Transportation	Police	58,320.00	-	60,000.00	-
FY 2023 Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Hiring Program*	US Department of Justice (DOJ)	Police	750,000.00	599,989.95	750,000.00	599,989.95
FY 2023 COPS Promoting Access to Crisis Intervention Teams*	US Department of Justice	Police	257,405.00	-	257,405.30	-

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Project Title	Grantor	Department	Grant Application Amount	Grant Application Match Amount	Grant Award Amount	Award Match Amount
Dolphin Isles B-14 Sewer Basin Rehabilitation	Environmental Protection Agency	Public Works	300,000.00	-	300,000.00	-
FY 2023 Resilient Florida Program*	Florida Department of Environmental Protection	Public Works	59,000.00	-	59,000.00	-
Galt Ocean Mile Beautification	Florida Department of Transportation	Public Works	500,000.00	-	500,000.00	-
Laudertrail Phase 1D	Florida Department of Environmental Protection	Transportation and Mobility	401,630.00	-	401,630.00	-
Tarpon River and Shady Banks Neighborhood Improvement	Florida Department of Transportation	Transportation and Mobility	708,364.00	-	708,364.00	-
Regional Infrastructure Accelerator - New River Study	US Department of Transportation	Transportation and Mobility	2,500,000.00	-	974,000.00	-
Total Awarded			23,601,024.52	7,780,952.95	22,151,516.15	2,834,540.95

* Grants Applied for in prior Fiscal Years

* In kind services

Pending Grant Applications						
Homeless Mental Health Housing Program	State of Florida - Legislative Program	City Manager's Office	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ 500,000.00	-	-
City of Fort Lauderdale City Wide Architectural Resource Survey	Florida Department of State	Development Services	50,000.00	-	-	-
Age in Place Project	United States Department of Housing and Urban Development	Development Services	500,000.00	-	-	-
Environmentally Safe Saltwater Submersible Hurst Cutter, Spreader, Ram and Batteries	Firehouse Subs	Fire Rescue	41,100.00	-	-	-
Assistance to Firefighters Grant - Hazardous Materials Team	Florida Emergency Management Agency	Fire Rescue	271,144.80	30,127.20	-	-
Carter Park Renovations	Florida Department of Environmental Protection	Parks and Recreation	2,180,314.00	2,180,314.00	-	-
Hardy Park Field Renovations	Florida Department of Environmental Protection	Parks and Recreation	1,500,000.00	1,500,000.00	-	-
North Woodland Cemetery Project	Florida Department of State - Division of Historical Resources	Parks and Recreation	50,000.00	-	-	-
Riverland Woods Boat Launch Ramp Improvements Phase 1	Florida Inland Navigation District	Parks and Recreation	75,000.00	105,000.00	-	-
FY 2023-2024 Fort Lauderdale Police Anti-Human Trafficking Project	Florida Alliance to End Human Trafficking	Police	47,098.00	-	-	-
Individual First Aid Kits - Fort Lauderdale Police Patrol Units	Florida Department of Health	Police	18,262.50	6,087.50	-	-
FY2025 Fort Lauderdale Police Department Occupant Protection Campaign	Florida Department of Transportation	Police	57,024.00	-	-	-
FY24/25 Fort Lauderdale Police High Visibility Traffic Safety Campaign	Florida Department of Transportation	Police	81,648.00	-	-	-
Fort Lauderdale Police Department Sexual Assault Kit Initiative III	US Department of Justice	Police	312,000.00	-	-	-
Living Seawall Installation at Victoria Park	Florida Department of Environmental Protection	Public Works	557,175.00	557,175.00	-	-
New Fire Station No. 13	Florida Department of Environmental Protection	Public Works	6,400,801.50	6,400,801.50	-	-
SE Isles Stormwater Improvements	Florida Department of Environmental Protection	Public Works	23,472,621.00	23,472,621.00	-	-
Sebastian and Seville Seawall Replacements	Florida Department of Environmental Protection	Public Works	1,513,677.00	1,513,677.00	-	-
Victoria Park Stormwater Improvements	Florida Department of Environmental Protection	Public Works	20,068,321.50	20,068,321.50	-	-
Florida Division of Emergency Management	Florida Division of Emergency Management	Public Works	60,000.00	-	-	-
Riverwalk North Seawall Replacement from Andrews Ave to FEC Train Track	Florida Inland Navigation District	Public Works	3,000,000.00	6,000,000.00	-	-
Bayview Drive Bridge over Longboat Inlet Replacement	US Department of Transportation	Public Works	4,692,460.00	1,173,115.00	-	-
City of Fort Lauderdale Bridge Improvements	US Department of Transportation	Public Works	11,111,276.80	2,777,819.20	-	-
South Middle River Mobility Project	Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization	Transportation and Mobility	5,400,000.00	600,000.00	-	-

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Project Title	Grantor	Department	Grant Application Amount	Grant Application Match Amount	Grant Award Amount	Award Match Amount
Federal Highway Congestion Mitigation	Florida Department of Transportation	Transportation and Mobility	250,000.00	250,000.00	-	-
City of Fort Lauderdale Safe Streets Supplemental Plan	US Department of Transportation	Transportation and Mobility	400,000.00	100,000.00	-	-
Laudertrail Segments 2D, 2E, 2F	US Department of Transportation	Transportation and Mobility	15,000,000.00	-	-	-
Total Grant Funds Pending			98,109,924.10	67,235,058.90	-	-
Grant Applications Not Awarded						
Carter Park Renovations	United States Environmental Protection Agency	Parks and Recreation	\$ 14,700,000.00	\$ -	-	-
Operation Coastal Shield	United States Department of Homeland Security/ Federal Emergency Management Agency	Police	255,600.00	85,200.00	-	-
FY 2024 Fort Lauderdale Police Bulletproof Vest Replacement Project	US Department of Justice	Police	83,520.00	83,520.00	-	-
Total Grant Funds Not Awarded			15,039,120.00	168,720.00	-	-



City of Fort Lauderdale

FY 2025 Grant Resource Guide

In an effort to deliberately and proactively apply for, and manage, grants throughout the City, the Budget/CIP and Grants Division of the Office of Management and Budget has collaborated with departmental grants staff to compile the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 Grant Resource Guide. The intent of this document is to identify potential grant funding sources for each department. This guide is fluid and updated annually as additional information becomes available.

The FY 2025 Grant Resource Guide is supplemented with the City's subscription to GrantFinder, a real-time, online, searchable database of Federal, State, foundation, and corporate grants. In addition to the specific grant programs enumerated below, the City will continue to work closely with our State and Federal lobbyists to pursue legislative appropriations based upon the legislative plans approved by the Commission.

Most grants are dependent upon various funding appropriations and subject to change. For example, the State grants are dependent upon budget approval in July of each year, and the Federal grants are subject to Congressional budget approval. The Grant Resource Guide does not reflect the City's multi-year grants such as the National Sexual Assault Kit Initiative grant that will provide continued funding in FY 2025 without the submission of new grant applications. A detailed description of each grant identified is provided by department in the sections that follow.

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

The Neighbor Support Division of the City Manager's Office historically applied for foundation grants for its volunteer and neighborhood activities. A foundation is a categorization of nonprofit organizations that will typically donate funds and support to other organizations. The Neighbor Support Division pursues grants designed to enhance neighborhoods, revitalize communities, and create volunteer programs for the neighbors in Fort Lauderdale. In addition, governmental grants are applied to support homelessness efforts. In FY 2025, the City Manager's Office plans to continuously monitor and evaluate the following grant opportunities and apply for funding to support the department's initiatives:

- [Cities of Service](#) is a coalition of more than 300 cities whose mayors are committed to using volunteer service to solve local pressing challenges. From decreasing high school dropout rates to increasing energy efficiency in City buildings, coalition members work together, learn from each other, and establish and replicate best practices to improve cities across the United States and around the world. Funding deadlines are rolling throughout the year.
- [Community Foundation \(CF\) of Broward County](#) awards various grants throughout the fiscal year. The organization offers rolling grants, available throughout the year, for critical focus areas essential to empowering our community to reach its full potential. Of their six grantmaking focus areas, two focus areas are available by invitation only.

- **Global Mayors Challenge** led by Bloomberg Philanthropies is helping cities reimagine core resident facing services. Bloomberg Philanthropies and its advisory council will select 25 winners based on three key criteria: novelty, potential impact, and ability to deliver. Initial grant applications are due in December 2024.
- **United States Conference of Mayors** has several grant and award programs that are open to all member cities. This organization offers various grants for different goals and projects within a city throughout the calendar year. Grant application deadlines vary depending upon the grant program.

The Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport (FXE) typically applies for Federal grants from the Federal Aviation Administration that are commonly received through state pass-through organizations, such as the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT):

- **Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Airport Improvement Program (AIP)'s** Sustainability Master Plan Airport Improvement Program (AIP) provides both discretionary and entitlement grants to public agencies and, in some cases, to private owners and entities, for the planning and development of public-use airports that are included in the National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS). The City typically applies for these grants several months prior to the beginning of the Federal fiscal year in October.
- **Florida Department of Transportation Aviation Grant Program** assists in providing a safe, cost-effective, and efficient statewide aviation system. FDOT grant funds help airports build and maintain runways and taxiways, eliminate airport hazards, protect airspace, develop plans, acquire land, and build terminals and other facilities. These grants are usually completed in conjunction with FAA grants.
- **Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Airport Infrastructure Grants (AIG)** will modernize infrastructure, increase equity in transportation, help fight climate change, strengthen the supply chain and create jobs. In comparison to the FAA AIP grant, this is a rare opportunity to apply for this grant. The awarded amount is lower than received through the AIP grant but will cover 95% of the project cost versus 90% covered through AIP.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

The Development Services Department applies for grants that encourage and coordinate sustainable growth of the City and promotes well-designed development through sound planning principles that focus on livability, urban revitalization, growth management, and historic preservation. The Development Services Department typically applies for state grants through the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) and the Florida Department of State (FDS).

- **Florida Department of State Historic Preservation Program Small Matching Grant** provides funding for planning projects necessary to guide the long-term preservation of historic resources, or a historic district, including preparation of historic structures reports, condition assessments, architectural drawings and construction documents, predictive modeling, preparation of preservation or management plans, and design or preservation guidelines. The purpose of this program is to provide funding, in the form of grants, to assist local, regional, and state-wide efforts to preserve significant historic and archaeological resources and to promote knowledge and appreciation of the history of Florida.

FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT

The Fire Rescue Department typically applies for Public Safety grants that run from January - June of each year. Fire Rescue regularly receives grants from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the Department of Health, and the City of Miami via the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI), which is funded by the United States Department of Homeland Security.

- [FEMA Assistance to Firefighters \(AFG\)](#) grants are announced throughout the year, generally between January and June of each year. The purpose of the AFG Program is to enhance the health and safety of the public and firefighting personnel, and to provide a continuum of support for emergency responders regarding fire, medical, and all-hazard events. The intended use of these grant funds is to protect the public, train emergency personnel, foster interoperability, and support community resilience. Projects funded in the past include fitness/wellness and injury reduction training program, power load systems for our medical rescue units, and the replacement of outdated equipment.
- [FEMA: Fire Prevention & Safety \(FP&S\)](#) grants are part of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) and support projects to enhance the safety of the public and firefighters from fire and related hazards. The primary goal is to reduce injury and prevent death among high-risk population.
- [Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation](#) grants assist emergency service entities in obtaining life-saving equipment, as well as fire prevention, safety, and disaster preparedness educational tools. In the past, the City received "Resusci Anne" Quality of Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (QCPR) Manikins under this program. The grant portal opens on a quarterly basis for submissions.
- [Florida Emergency Medical Services \(EMS\) Section Matching Grant](#) provides funding for the improvement and expansion of pre-hospital emergency medical service. Pre-hospital EMS projects may include increasing existing levels of EMS, evaluation, community education, injury-prevention programs, training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and other lifesaving and first aid techniques. Urban matching grant program activities may not fall into the categories of replacement or ongoing operations.
- [Urban Area Security Initiative \(UASI\) - City of Miami](#) funding represents the regional UASI funds that the State receives for the Metropolitan Statistical Area. Each year, it is decided by the Urban Area Working Group (UAWG), by formula, how much the City of Fort Lauderdale will receive in UASI funding via the City of Miami. The City submits its list of projects to the City of Miami in the fall of each year.

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

The Parks and Recreation Department typically applies for grants through the Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND), the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP), and from a variety of foundations for extracurricular activities for our neighbors and enhancements to our City parks.

In addition to the grants listed below, the Parks Department is targeting grants to support the Parks Bond projects. The Department has teamed with a consulting group to research existing grant opportunities, prioritize them, and then develop an action plan for grant pursuit.

- [Abandoned African American Cemeteries Grant](#) provides funding to assist with efforts to preserve abandoned African American Cemeteries. The Cemetery Protection project is awarded to local governments for the purposes of repairing, restoring and maintaining African American cemeteries. This includes planning to guide the long-term preservation of the Cemetery, including existing conditions assessments, architectural or engineering drawings and construction documents, and management plans.
- [American Red Cross Centennial Program](#) is a multi-year initiative to reduce drowning rates in 50 cities and towns by inspiring people to sign up for swimming and water safety lessons at local facilities. The program is targeted towards cities that experience a volume of drowning incidents higher than the national average. Funding is provided for scholarships at City of Fort Lauderdale Parks and Recreation pool for teens and adults who want to learn to swim, or improve their skills, so they can become future lifeguards or water safety instructors. Pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and water safety education is available for the parents of children participating in swim lessons.
- [Broward Boating Improvement Program \(BBIP\)](#) provides funds for projects such as the construction of boat ramps, recreational channel marking, public docking and mooring facilities, access roads and parking for public launching facilities, derelict vessel removal, and recreational boating-related support facilities and utilities. It is funded by noncommercial vessel registration fees, and it is based on a percentage of the actual registration fees collected.
- [Clean Vessel Act Grant Program](#) is administered by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP). The grant is funded by the 1992 Clean Vessel Act, which was signed into law to reduce water pollution by prohibiting vessels from discharging raw sewage into fresh water or coastal saltwater. The act established a federal grant program, administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, to fund sewage disposal facilities. This grant has been used in the past to fund the repair and renovation of the New River Docking Facility vessel sewage pump out system.
- [Cultural Facilities Program](#) is funded by the Florida Department of State's Division of Arts and Culture. The goal of the program is to coordinate and guide the State of Florida's support and funding of renovation, construction, or acquisition of cultural facilities. In the past, this grant has been utilized to provide \$1.5 million to support the City's renovation of the Southside School.

- [Florida DOS Division of Arts and Culture Specific Cultural Project](#) (SCP) grant provides up to \$25,000 to fund a single cultural project, program, exhibition, or series. The grant activities must support the mission of the organization and further the state's cultural objectives. The Division supports four proposal types: Arts in Education, Discipline-based cultural projects, underserved community development, and artist projects.
- [Florida Department of Health After School Snack Program](#) Child Care Food Program provides reimbursement for nutritious meals and snacks served at eligible after school program sites. The program is funded by the United States Department of Agriculture and is administered in Florida by the Department of Health, Bureau of Child Care Food Programs. The After School Snack Program will reimburse for up to one snack and one meal per child per day. The difference between the amount charged by the caterer and the amount reimbursed by the grant is absorbed by the Parks and Recreations Departmental budget.
- [Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program](#) is a competitive, reimbursement grant program funded by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP), to provide financial assistance for the acquisition or development of land for public outdoor recreation. The scoring criteria heavily favors projects that are programmed to begin over the next three (3) years in the City's 5-Year Adopted Community Investment Plan (CIP) and items that match the state's comprehensive outdoor recreation plan. Southeast Florida's priorities include outdoor swimming pool use, picnicking, outdoor sports, saltwater beach activities, saltwater non-boat fishing, and RV/ trailer camping. Grant amounts are limited to \$200,000 and require a 50% match unless the grant amount is less than \$50,000.
- [Florida Inland Navigation District \(FIND\) Small-Scale Derelict Vessel Removal Program](#) provides financial assistance for the removal of derelict vessels within the District's waterways. Grant applications are submitted as derelict vessels are identified and removed.
- [Florida Inland Navigation District \(FIND\) Waterway Assistance Program](#) is a grant program established by the Florida Legislature and FIND for the purpose of financially cooperating with local governments to alleviate problems associated with the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway and associated waterways within the District. Grant applications are posted to the District's website in January. Applications are due at the District office toward the end of March. Waterway related projects must be located on natural, navigable waterways within the District. Eligible waterway related projects include navigation channel dredging, boat ramps, docking facilities, fishing, and viewing piers, environmental mitigation, and shoreline stabilization.
- [Florida Land and Water Conservation Fund Program \(LWCF\)](#) is a federally funded competitive program administered by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection that provides competitive grants for the acquisition or development of land for public outdoor recreation. Eligible program participants include entities with the legal responsibility for the provision of outdoor recreational sites and facilities for the use and benefit of the general public.
- [National Endowment for the Arts \(NEA\) Our Town](#) grant programs support creative placemaking projects that help to transform communities into lively, beautiful, and resilient places with the arts at their core. Creative placemaking is when artists, arts organizations, and community development practitioners deliberately integrate arts and culture into community revitalization work - placing arts at the table with land-use, transportation, economic development, education, housing, infrastructure, and public safety strategies.

- [PeopleForBikes Community Grant Program](#) focuses on bicycle infrastructure projects, such as bike paths, lanes, trails, bike facilities, and end-of-trip structures, including bike racks, parking, and repair stations. Awarded funds may also be used toward engineering, design work, construction costs and related materials. All grant amounts are limited to \$10,000.
- [Recreational Trails Program](#) is a federally funded competitive grant program by the United States Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and it is state administered by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP). The funds are used to renovate, develop, or maintain recreational motorized, nonmotorized and mixed-use trails and trailside facilities. The application cycle will be open from February 1-March 1st of 2025.
- [USDA Florida Department of Agriculture Summer Food Service Program \(SFSP\)](#) is federally funded by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), and it is state administered by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS). The intent of the SFSP is to bridge the gap in nutrition during the summer months by serving nutritious meals to children 18 years and younger while school is not in session.
- [Parks and Open Space Florida Forever Grant Program](#) is a Land and Recreation Grant program through the Florida Division of State Lands, Florida Communities Trust. It provides funding to local governments for the acquisition of community-based parks, open space and greenways that further outdoor recreation and natural resource protection needs identified in local government comprehensive plans. It allows local governments to leverage local dollars with state dollars to optimize conservation benefits and encourages both public-private partnerships and land acquisition initiatives. The grant submission cycle is open November 1, 2024 – January 15, 2025.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Police Department typically applies for grants from the United States Department of Justice (DOJ), FEMA and the United States Department of Homeland Security. Public safety grant season is typically January – June of each year. Many of the FY 2025 grants that the Police Department will apply for will be awarded between October and February. The Police Department has received several multi-year grants including the Sexual Assault Kit Initiative and is also seeking grant opportunities to reduce violent crimes, specifically as it relates to gun violence.

- [Broward County Enhanced Marine Law Enforcement Grant \(EMLEG\)](#) funds projects applied for enhanced marine police enforcement above and beyond their current and previous funding levels. Applicants must provide documentation of current and previous three (3) years of actual funded staffing levels and hours of marine patrol service provided, in addition to the number of funded boats in the current fiscal year, and the number of funded boats in the three (3) previous fiscal years. Proposal should demonstrate how the grantee would enhance the marine patrols within their jurisdiction, and how much it would cost. Organizations that receive grants should spend at least seventy-five percent (75%) of funds granted within the awarded fiscal year to receive consideration for further funding in subsequent fiscal years.

- [Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant \(JAG\)](#) Program was created as part of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2005, which merged the discretionary Edward Byrne Memorial Grant Program with the formula-based Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (LLEBG) program. The JAG Program, administered by the Bureau of Justice Assistance, is the leading source of federal justice funding to state and local jurisdictions. The program provides states, tribes, and local governments with critical funding necessary to support a range of program areas including law enforcement, prosecution and court, prevention and education, corrections and community corrections, drug treatment and enforcement, planning, evaluation, and technology improvement, and crime victim and witness initiatives. The grant deadline is typically in December.
- [Florida Department of Transportation \(FDOT\) Highway Safety Discretionary Transit Grants](#) awarded on a Federal fiscal year basis (October 1 - September 30). All grants awarded through the Traffic Safety Section of the Department of Transportation Safety Office are Federal cost reimbursable grants from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). As such, the agency receiving the grant will incur the cost of the program execution upfront and then be reimbursed for qualifying expenses per the terms of the grant. These grants focus on multiple areas of traffic safety including speeding, aging drivers, driving under the influence, and motorcycle safety. Concept papers describing proposed efforts need to be submitted between January 1 and the last day of February for the next award cycle.
- [High Visibility Enforcement for Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety](#) program supports the goals established in the Florida's Pedestrian and Bicycle Strategic Safety Plan. High visibility enforcement funds are intended to serve as crash mitigation tools. These enforcement activities are designed to target unsafe behaviors of all road users, including motorists, pedestrians, and bicyclists. The funds may only be used for officer overtime hours spent conducting on-street enforcement operations.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

The Public Works Department typically applies for water, stormwater, sustainability, and resiliency grants for the City. Public Works also manages most of the grant funded construction/design projects from projects initiated by the Transportation and Mobility and Parks and Recreation Departments.

- [The Bridge Investment Program](#) is a competitive, discretionary program that focuses on existing bridges to reduce the overall number of bridges in poor condition, or in fair condition at risk of falling into poor condition. Alongside states and federal lands management agencies, metropolitan planning organizations and local and tribal governments can also apply directly to US DOT Federal Highway Administration, to seek funding that meets community needs.
- [Federal Emergency Management Agency \(FEMA\) Hazard Mitigation Grant Program](#) is designed to assist communities in implementing a sustained pre-disaster natural hazard mitigation program. The goal is to reduce overall risk to the population and structures from future hazard events, while also reducing reliance on Federal funding in future disasters. This program awards planning and project grants and provides opportunities for raising public awareness about reducing future losses. Grants are funded annually by Congressional appropriations and are awarded nationally on a competitive basis.

- [Flood Mitigation Assistance Program](#) is aimed at reducing or eliminating the risk of repetitive flood damage to buildings and structures insured under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). The program is administered through a partnership with the Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM). FDEM has the authority and responsibility for developing and maintaining a State Hazard Mitigation Plan, recommending technically feasible and cost-effective sub applications to FEMA and providing pass-thru funding for FEMA awarded project grants to eligible sub applicants.
- [Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity \(RAISE\) Grant Program](#) help project sponsors at the State and local levels, including municipalities, complete critical freight and passenger transportation infrastructure projects. The US Department of Transportation (DOT) uses the RAISE grant program to support projects that improve safety, economic strength and global competitiveness, equity, and climate and sustainability initiatives consistent with DOT's strategic goals.
- [Resilient Florida Program](#) includes a selection of grants through the Florida Department of Environmental Protection that are available to counties, municipalities, water management districts, flood control districts and regional resilience entities. To effectively address the impacts of flooding and sea level rise that the state faces, eligible applicants may receive funding assistance to analyze and plan for vulnerabilities, as well as implement projects for adaptation and mitigation.
- [Urban and Community Forestry Grant Program](#) provide funds to organizations to develop or enhance their urban and community forestry programs. This program is part of Florida's ongoing initiative to increase and protect existing tree canopies in developed areas. This program is administered in part with the U.S. Forest Service Urban and Community Forestry Matching Grant Program. Applications are accepted at the start of the fiscal year in early October.

TRANSPORTATION AND MOBILITY DEPARTMENT

The Transportation and Mobility Department typically applies for grants through the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and the United States Department of Transportation (DOT). The federal grants include the Federal Transit Administration (FTA); however, the City of Fort Lauderdale more commonly receives these funds through state pass-through organizations, such as FDOT, Broward County or the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO).

- [AARP Community Challenge Grant](#) is an annual grant with no required match intended to help cities quickly implement projects that build momentum for local change and improve livability for all residents, including those over 50 years of age. The proposed grant would be utilized to construct neighborhood improvements that were suggested as the result of extensive community participation. Constructing these improvements rapidly through the AARP Community Challenge grant would allow the City to deliver these mobility improvements much more quickly than it could through conventional city-only funding mechanisms such as the Community Investment Plan (CIP) or Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) grants.

- [Beautification Grants](#) are available through the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to fund landscape projects and help to conserve, protect, and enhance Florida’s natural resources. FDOT has \$1,000,000 available in grant funding and applications are typically applied for at the start of October. Eligible projects include the purchase and installation of plant materials, soil amendments, and irrigation systems. Each grant will be limited to a maximum of \$112,000 per applicant.
- [Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization \(Broward MPO\) Local Initiatives Program](#) funding includes various funding sources that are passed through from the Department of Transportation (DOT) and Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). This program provides funding to implement mobility projects such as complete streets, traffic calming, intersection improvements, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) upgrades, mobility hubs, and bicycle facilities. This grant will support the construction of projects through the City’s Connecting the Blocks Program.
- [Federal Transit Administration \(FTA\)'s](#) various Grant Programs include funding for competitive grant programs for buses and bus facilities, innovative transportation coordination, workforce training, and public transportation research activities. The due dates for these applications are typically the beginning of the Federal fiscal year in October.
- [Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Program](#) can be used for building and maintaining transit buses and vans in communities throughout America. In Fiscal Year 2024, approximately \$390 million in competitive grants were available to states and direct recipients to replace, rehabilitate and purchase buses or related equipment. Funds can also be used to construct bus-related facilities, including technological changes or innovations to modify low or no emission vehicles or facilities.
- [Passenger Ferry Grant Program](#) provides funding for projects that support passenger ferry systems in urbanized areas. These funds constitute a core investment in the enhancement and revitalization of public ferry systems in the nation’s urbanized areas. Funds are awarded based on factors such as the age and condition of existing ferry boats, terminals, and related infrastructure; benefits to riders, such as increased reliability; project readiness; and connectivity.
- [Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods Program](#) provides funding from the DOT support planning grants and capital construction grants to restore community connectivity through the removal, retrofit, mitigation, or replacement of eligible transportation infrastructure facilities. Applications are accepted at the start of the federal fiscal year in October.

