

Funding to Support External Organizations

As a part of the annual budget process, the City provides external organizations with funding to support key community services that align with the City's Strategic Plan, annual Commission Priorities, and operational needs. This funding allows the Commission to allocate resources to key initiatives without the lead time that would be required if the City were to provide the services internally and provides flexibility to address different priorities each year without a long-term financial commitment. Nonprofit organizations that receive grant funding are required to execute a participation agreement, which stipulates the funding amount, public purpose, scope of service, financial reporting requirements, term length, and time of performance.

The various tables below articulate the organizations recommended for funding in the FY 2026 Budget, the recommended funding amount, and the purpose of the City's contribution.

City of Fort Lauderdale FY 2026 Nonprofit Grant Participation Agreement Funding		
Organization	Recommended Funding	Purpose of City's Contribution
FY 2026 Commission Priority: Bolster Thriving Communities		
Areawide Council on Aging of Broward County, Inc.	\$ 127,842	Support meal and transportation services and resources for City of Fort Lauderdale seniors and adults with disabilities.
Early Learning Coalition of Broward County, Inc.	100,000	Provide subsidized childcare for approximately 2,500 children of low-income families in the City of Fort Lauderdale.
First Call for Help of Broward, Inc. dba 211-Broward, Inc.	25,000	Provide supportive listening, crisis intervention, and information and referrals that help residents access social services.
Jewish Adoption and Family Care Options, Inc.	25,000	Provide case management and respite care for approximately 75 Fort Lauderdale families with children with developmental disabilities as they navigate systems of care, including medical services and educational opportunities.
Junior Achievement of South Florida, Inc.	33,900	Provide 5 th and 8 th grade public school students in Fort Lauderdale with financial and entrepreneurial learning, served annually through JA BizTown and JA Finance Park.
FY 2026 Commission Priority: Public Spaces and Cultural Initiatives		
Museum of Discovery and Science, Inc.	214,800	Provide public elementary school students in Fort Lauderdale with museum access and school instruction to improve long-term academic success in the critical STEM (i.e., science, technology, engineering, and math) disciplines.
Nova Southeastern University, Inc. for NSU Art Museum	500,000	Provide cultural, educational, and enrichment programs as well as innovative art exhibitions to stimulate tourism in Fort Lauderdale, and offer complimentary admission to City residents.
The Stranahan House, Inc.	63,000	Provide programming for residents and visitors of Fort Lauderdale about the region's history, thus furthering the social, cultural, and historic viability of the community.
Subtotal Grant Funding	\$ 1,089,542	

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City of Fort Lauderdale FY 2026 Interlocal Agreement Funding		
Organization	Recommended Funding	Purpose of City's Contribution
FY 2026 Commission Priority: Public Spaces and Cultural Initiatives		
Downtown Development Authority of the City of Fort Lauderdale	\$ 714,285	Redevelop Huizenga Park to add amenities and ensure that the location remains a public park, accessible to all residents and visitors in perpetuity. This is the third payment of the City's \$5 million total commitment.
	100,000	Support the operation, maintenance, and programming for Huizenga Park.
	\$ 814,285	Subtotal Interlocal Agreement Funding

City of Fort Lauderdale FY 2026 Contracts and Sponsorship Included in Department Operating Budgets		
Organization	Recommended Funding	Purpose of City's Contribution
FY 2026 Commission Priority: Bolster Thriving Communities		
CareerSource Broward	\$ 300,000	Provide Fort Lauderdale's youth with summer-long employment with the City, including lessons about how to obtain and maintain a job and how to turn any job into an investment of time and effort for the future.
FY 2026 Commission Priority: Homelessness Response		
Fellowship Recovery Community Organization, Inc.	125,000	Provide facility-based substance use stabilization and housing for individuals experiencing homelessness.
HomesUnited Ministries, Inc.	125,000	Provide shelter with mental health support services including, but not limited to, assistance to apply for federal benefits, housing navigation, legal aid, employment services, daily meals, and case management for individuals experiencing homelessness.
Miami Rescue Mission, Inc. dba Broward Outreach Centers The Caring Place	330,000	Provide access to 20 designated emergency shelter beds and supportive service for individuals identified by the Fort Lauderdale Homeless Outreach Team as experiencing homelessness and in need of supportive services.
Taskforce For Ending Homelessness, Inc.	315,260	Support a Housing Navigation Program which provides outreach, education, advocacy, and housing navigation. The Housing Navigation Team offers placement services such as shelter, treatment, and housing referrals.
FY 2026 Commission Priority: Public Spaces and Cultural Initiatives		
Fort Lauderdale Historical Society, Inc.	135,000	Contribute toward the educational, cultural, and historical life of Fort Lauderdale; this serves as a historic tourist destination within the Riverwalk Arts and Entertainment District.
Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale - Go Riverwalk Magazine	50,400	Provide space in the monthly <i>Go Riverwalk</i> magazine to communicate City information.
Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale - Riverwalk Activation	309,100	Provide for the programming, beautification, lighting enhancements, and revitalization of Riverwalk Park and special events such as the annual Light Up Lauderdale event and the Day of the Dead celebration.
Winterfest, Inc.	75,000	Sponsor the Annual Boat Parade and build a festival and full complement of events around the Greater Fort Lauderdale area.
	\$ 1,764,760	Subtotal Contracts and Sponsorship Funding
Grand Total Funding	\$ 3,668,587	