



**TO:** CRA Chairman & Board of Commissioners  
Fort Lauderdale Community Redevelopment Agency

**FROM:** Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, Executive Director

**DATE:** December 3, 2019

**TITLE:** Resolution Authorizing the Fort Lauderdale Community Redevelopment Agency to Enter into a Broward County Redevelopment Program Interlocal Agreement – NE 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue Complete Street Project – **(Commission District 2)**

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**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Board of Commissioners adopt a resolution authorizing an Interlocal Agreement between the CRA, the City of Fort Lauderdale (City) and Broward County, in substantially the form attached, for project funding for the NE 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue Complete Street Project for an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 from the Broward Redevelopment Program (BRP).

**Background**

The Broward Redevelopment Program is a competitive grant program in defined redevelopment areas. Applicants must demonstrate blighted conditions, higher unemployment rates and lower property value growth than those of the municipality or the county in which the project is located. The maximum funding per cycle is \$1,000,000. Eligible applicants include municipalities, CRAs which do not receive Tax Increment Financing (TIF), or a county in partnership with a municipality or CRA.

On July 11, 2017, the governing body of the Fort Lauderdale Community Redevelopment Agency adopted Resolution 17-04(CRA) supporting and authorizing the submittal of an application for grant funding through the Broward County Redevelopment Program for the NE 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue Complete Street Project.

On September 21, 2017 the Transportation and Mobility Department and CRA staff submitted the NE 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue Complete Street Project for BRP funding consideration (see Exhibit 1). The project is located in the Central City CRA on NE 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue between Sunrise Boulevard (State Road 838) and NE 13<sup>th</sup> Street (see Exhibit 2). The public improvement to the street includes transportation improvements and streetscape enhancement. Proposed new improvements include new wider sidewalks with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) ramps, pedestrian scale street lighting, shade trees, and potential entryway/place making design features. The Florida Department of

Transportation (FDOT) recently completed a complimentary project within the roadway to include milling and resurfacing of pavement, buffered bicycle lanes, new signing and markings including high-intensity crosswalks, median modifications, right turn lane capacity at NE 13<sup>th</sup> Street, and light-emitting diode (LED) lighting improvements. Proposed improvements will be designed in accordance with the Fort Lauderdale Complete Street Program Guidelines, Broward County Complete Streets Guidelines, and the FDOT Design Manual.

On March 5, 2019, the Broward County Commission approved funding for the project in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000. This funding will be utilized for the engineering design, construction, and inspection phases of this project.

The project application included a construction estimate of \$1,482,652. Project funding includes \$1,000,000 from the BRP and \$483,000 from FDOT (see Exhibit 3).

The Interlocal Agreement requires that the project be completed and operational within three years; with the agreement ending on June 30, 2023. The agreement allows for a maximum of three funding disbursements by the County totaling \$1,000,000 subject to the County's review and approval of requirement documentation prior to payment. The first disbursement in the amount of \$333,333 will occur when the County has an executed construction contract, approved plans and all required development and permit approvals. The second disbursement in the amount of \$333,333 will occur upon completion of the project, and upon submittal of all receipts, approved permits, and certificate of completion, including a professional engineer's signing and seal attesting to project completion in conformance with plans and specifications. The third and final disbursement of \$333,334 will occur upon satisfactory review and approval of all required documentation of verified actual costs demonstrating to have been expended for the completion of the project in the minimum amount of the initial disbursement of \$333,333.

Approval of this request is contingent upon approval of CAMs #19-1105 and #19-1149.

### **Consistency with the Central City CRA Redevelopment Plan**

This project helps implement the Central City Community Redevelopment Plan. The CRA Plan identifies the redevelopment of the NE 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue Corridor as an Economic Development Strategy in infrastructure and neighborhood improvements. The NE 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue Complete Streets Project will be a catalyst for job creation as the project will result in new businesses opening along the corridor, an increase in new private investment and an increase in sales volume in existing businesses resulting in new hires.

### **Resource Impact**

Funds for this transaction are available in the account listed below. The grant appropriation will be managed by the City of Fort Lauderdale Public Works Department.

Funds available as of November 22, 2019					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (Program)	CHARACTER CODE/ SUBOBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
348-P12557.348-F205	The Northeast 4 <sup>th</sup> Avenue Complete Street Project	Intergovt Revenue/Broward County - Transportation	\$0	\$0	\$1,000,000
				<b>TOTAL ►</b>	\$1,000,000

Funds available as of November 22, 2019					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (Program)	CHARACTER CODE/ SUBOBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
348-P12557.348-6599	The Northeast 4 <sup>th</sup> Avenue Complete Street Project	Capital Outlay/Construction	\$0	\$0	\$1,000,000
				<b>TOTAL ►</b>	\$1,000,000

**Strategic Connections**

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2024* Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:

- The Infrastructure Focus Area
- Goal 1: Build a sustainable and resilient community
- Objective: Ensure climate change resiliency and implement local and regional strategies to reduce our carbon footprint.
  
- Goal 2: Build a multi-modal City and pedestrian friendly community
- Objective: Improve transportation options and reduce congestion by working with partners
- Objective: Improve roads, sidewalks, and trails to prioritize a safe, more walkable and bikeable community

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

**Related CAM**

CAM #19-1105

CAM #19-1149

**Attachments**

Exhibit 1 – Broward Redevelopment Program Application – NE 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue Complete Street Project

Exhibit 2 – Project Location Map

Exhibit 3 – Documentation of Funding Match

Exhibit 4 – Interlocal Agreement

Exhibit 5 – Resolution

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