## **RESOLUTION NO. 24-269**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, APPROVING A GRANT AGREEMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF FLORIDA, DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$250,000.00 FOR A MENTAL HEALTH AND ABUSE HOUSING PROGRAM. SUBSTANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF FLORIDA. DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES AND TO ACCEPT THE GRANT FUNDING ON BEHALF OF THE CITY. PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, PROVIDING CONFLICTS, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, in alignment with the City Commission of the City of Fort Lauderdale's ("City") 2025 priority of Homeless Initiatives, the Neighbor Support Division is seeking approval for a grant agreement with the Department of Children and Families ("DCF"); and

WHEREAS, the DCF is a state government agency focused on improving the quality of life for individuals experiencing homelessness; and

WHEREAS, the \$250,000 grant will fund the engagement of Local Service Providers to provide services to homeless individuals with mental health and substance abuse issues; and

WHEREAS, the Local Service Providers will offer behavioral health treatment and recovery support services while upholding the System of Care principles, which emphasize coordinated, community-based approaches to care that are individualized and culturally responsive; and

WHEREAS, the goal is to promote long-term stability and well-being for individuals experiencing homelessness in the Fort Lauderdale area by addressing their mental health and substance abuse needs; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds that approving the Grant Agreement, authorizing the execution of the Grant Agreement, and the acceptance of the grant funds is in the best interest of the City of Fort Lauderdale;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA:

<u>SECTION 1</u>. The City Commission of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, hereby approves the Grant Agreement and authorizes the City Manager to execute the Grant Agreement on behalf of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, with the State of Florida, Department of Children and Families and all associated documents required for the Grant Agreement, for a mental health and substance abuse housing program.

<u>SECTION 2</u>. The City Manager is hereby authorized to accept grant funds on behalf of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, from the State of Florida, Department of Children and Families in the amount of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$250,000.00).

<u>SECTION 3</u>. The Office of the City Attorney shall review and approve the grant agreement and all documents associated with it prior to their execution by the proper City officials.

<u>SECTION 4</u>. That if any clause, section or other part of this Resolution is held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Resolution shall not be affected thereby, but shall remain in full force and effect.

<u>SECTION 5</u>. That all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 6. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon final passage and adoption.

ADOPTED this 17th day of December, 2024.

Mayor

DEAN J. TRANTALIS

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ATTEST:

City Clerk

DAVID R. SOLOMAN

APPROVED AS TO FORM

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<u>Yea</u>

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Yea