



LETTER TO THE COMMISSION

LTC No: 26-014

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the Fort Lauderdale City Commission
FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager *RW*
DATE: January 20, 2026
SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2025 Grants Summary - Year in Review

The purpose of this Letter to the Commission (LTC) is to update the City Commission on the City of Fort Lauderdale's continued efforts to pursue grant opportunities 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) 2025. This represents the twelfth (12th) 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 2025 in two (2) different categories: 1) competitive grants and 2) Housing and Community Development (HCD) entitlement grants. Total grant awards of \$20.5 million was received for competitive grants, and a total of \$99.5 million was received for HCD entitlement grants – equaling a total of over \$120 million. The amounts by grant category are detailed herein.

The Citywide effort is summarized in the chart below of citywide competitive grant activities for FY 2025. Staff applied for sixty (60) grants requesting over \$111.0 million in funding for City priorities. The City was awarded thirty-five (35) grants, ten (10) of which were applied for in prior years, resulting in a total award amount of \$20.5 million.

A comprehensive table of all grants applied for, or received, in FY 2025 is provided as Attachment 1 of this memo.

Summary of Citywide Competitive Grant Activities for FY 2025

Grant Award Status	Number of Grants	Amount Requested (\$)	Amount Awarded (\$)
Awarded	35*	23,387,848	20,527,781
Not Awarded/Pending Notification	35	88,886,814	Not Applicable
Total	70*	112,274,662	20,527,781

*Ten (10) of the grants awarded were applied for in prior fiscal years. Their award amount totals \$1.3 million.

Highlights of FY 2025 Grant Awards

- The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) provided an \$8,800,000 grant to support the Construction of Runway 9-27 Pavement Rehabilitation Project at the Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport. This funding will be used to improve the pavement condition of Runway 9-27 and its taxiway intersections. The improvements will increase the Pavement Condition Index and prolong the life of the asphalt. The scope of the project includes milling, paving, electrical installation, pavement markings, geotechnical work, construction survey and environmental services.
- The Breakers Avenue Resiliency and Pedestrian Traffic Improvements Project was awarded \$3,000,000 in State appropriations funding through the Florida Department of Transportation. The project improvements include streetscape elements such as pedestrian lighting, trees, landscape, shared-use street design, underground water and sewer utility upgrades.
- The State of Florida Division of Emergency Management awarded a \$1,114,396.85 grant to support Phase I of a new hurricane safe room and upgraded generator at the City's Emergency Operations Center. This grant will fund essential preliminary work, including surveying, engineering, design, plans preparation, permitting, and bidding. This foundational phase is crucial for developing the detailed plans necessary for Phase II approval. The proposed design for Phase II envisions a stand-alone hurricane safe room engineered to provide near-absolute protection for personnel activated to work during emergency incidents.
- The City was awarded \$250,000 from the State of Florida Department of Children and Families for a Mental Health and Substance Abuse Housing Program. The funding will be used for facility-based treatment programs focused on improving the behavioral health and stability of individuals experiencing homelessness, helping them reduce their reliance on emergency or institutional care. This will 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.
- The Railroad Crossing Elimination Program grant through the Federal Railroad Administration was awarded in the amount of \$280,000. This grant will fund the Railroad Crossing Safety and Congestion Analysis Study, which will procure sensor-based technology that will provide data associated with railway impacts at fifteen (15) crossings along the Florida East Coast Railway corridor. The goal of the project is to provide the City with in-depth analysis of vehicle interactions with the crossings and driver delays. The data will be used to determine methods, such as grade separation, to improve safety and reduce traffic congestion.

Source of Grant Funds

Federal and State grants account for eighty-nine percent (89%) of the grants awarded in FY 2025. 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 2025 by funding source:

Source of Grant Funds			
Source	Number of Awards	Amount Awarded (\$)	Grant Match (\$)
Federal	10	10,282,232	103,577
State	21	10,020,135	1,407,358
County	1	195,192	-
Private	3	30,222	-
Total	35	20,527,781	1,510,935

Five (5) -Year Grant Award Summary

Over the past five (5) years, the City has secured over \$100.4 million in grant funding. The value of grants awarded in FY 2025 was \$20.5 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 (5) years is provided below:

Five Year Grant Award Summary		
Fiscal Year	Number of Awards	Amount Awarded (\$)
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
FY 2025 Award	35	20,527,781
Total	171	100,401,526

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

**FY 2024 includes the acceptance of an \$11.4 million award for the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant.

Housing and Community Development Program Entitlement Grants

A separate component of the City's grants program is \$99.5 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 2025.

- 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 Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Program funds are one-time funds to support efforts related to disaster relief, long-term recovery, restoration of infrastructure and housing, economic revitalization, and mitigation in the “most impacted and distressed” areas resulting from a qualifying major disaster that occurred in 2023 or 2024. The City received the award of \$88,051,000 due to the historic flood experienced in April 2023. These funds will address the recovery and mitigation needs of communities and neighborhoods that have the greatest unmet needs or that face challenges to recover.
- 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 (5)-year fiscal summary of the entitlement fund allocations that the City received is provided on the following page:

Five (5) -Year Entitlement Grants Summary (Dollars Awarded)					
HCD Entitlement Grants	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)	1,574,113	1,522,029	1,508,053	1,498,833	1,518,117
Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR)	-	-	-	-	88,051,000*
HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME)	714,352	791,858	769,196	631,429	624,208
Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)	7,088,032	7,210,033	8,050,351	8,063,888	7,981,453
State Housing Initiatives Partnership Program (SHIP)	1,251,351	1,782,257	2,168,696	1,482,920	1,371,921
Total Entitlement Grants	10,627,848	11,306,177	12,496,296	11,677,070	99,546,699

*This is a one (1)-time grant award to support disaster recovery efforts.

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.

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 2025 Grant Summary is included as Attachment 1.
- Continued quarterly grants status report creation and distribution along with cross departmental discussions regarding grants at quarterly Community Investment Plan (CIP) and Grants Review meetings.

- Continuation of the 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 2026 Grant Resource Guide is included as Attachment 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 diligent efforts 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.

For any questions or concerns, please contact Laura Reece, Director of the Office of Management and Budget, at 954-828-5894 or lreece@fortlauderdale.gov.

Attachments:

1. City of Fort Lauderdale FY 2025 Grant Award Summary
2. City of Fort Lauderdale FY 2026 Grant Resource Guide

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Department Directors

Grant Award Summary Fiscal Year 2025

Project Title	Grantor	Grant Applications Awarded (\$)			Department	Grant Application Amount	Grant Application Match Amount	Grant Award Amount	Award Match Amount
Florida Department of Children and Family - Mental Health and Substance Abuse Housing Program*	Florida Department of Children and Family			Community Services**	1,000,000.00	500,000.00	250,000.00	-	-
FY 2025 Book Explorers Grant	Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy			City Manager	6,000.00	-	6,000.00	-	-
National League of Cities (NLC) Advancing Economic Mobility Grant	National League of Cities			City Manager	15,000.00	-	20,000.00	-	-
City of Fort Lauderdale City Wide Architectural Resource Survey*	Florida Department of State - Division of Historical Resources			Development Services	50,000.00	-	50,000.00	-	-
2025 Helistop Painting and Fireproofing Coating	Florida Department of Transportation			Executive Airport**	134,023.00	33,506.00	134,023.00	33,506.00	33,506.00
Construct of Aviation Equipment Safety Building Pavement Rehab	Florida Department of Transportation			Executive Airport**	493,000.00	123,250.00	493,000.00	123,250.00	123,250.00
Construction of Runway 9-27 Pavement Rehabilitation Project	Florida Department of Transportation			Executive Airport**	87,485.00	87,485.00	87,485.00	87,485.00	87,485.00
Construction of Taxiway Echo Pavement Rehabilitation	Florida Department of Transportation			Executive Airport**	2,048,000.00	512,000.00	2,048,000.00	512,000.00	512,000.00
Executive Airport Runway 9-27 Rehabilitation Project	Federal Aviation Administration			Executive Airport**	8,800,000.00	-	8,800,000.00	-	-
Runway 9 Parallel Taxiways Extension - Construct	Florida Department of Transportation			Executive Airport**	1,886,440.00	-	1,886,440.00	-	-
Runway 9-27 By-pass Taxiway and Run-Up Relocation	Federal Aviation Administration			Executive Airport**	637,954.00	33,577.00	637,954.00	33,577.00	33,577.00
Emergency Operations Center - Safe Room and Generator Grant	Florida Department of Emergency Management			Fire Rescue	1,114,396.85	366,818.25	1,114,396.85	366,818.25	366,818.25
FY 2024 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) - Emergency Operation Center (EOC) Sustainment	U.S. Department of Homeland Security			Fire Rescue	55,908.00	-	55,908.00	-	-
FY 2024 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) - Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue Department (FLER) CERT Training and Sustainment	U.S. Department of Homeland Security			Fire Rescue	10,800.00	-	10,800.00	-	-
FY 2024 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) - Fort Lauderdale Police Department (FLPD) Attack and Response Mitigation	U.S. Department of Homeland Security			Fire Rescue	168,000.00	-	168,000.00	-	-
FY 2024 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) - Fort Lauderdale Police Department (FLPD) Vulnerability Scanning Tool	U.S. Department of Homeland Security			Fire Rescue	78,570.00	-	78,570.00	-	-
FY 2024 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) CORP	U.S. Department of Homeland Security			Fire Rescue	90,000.00	-	90,000.00	-	-
FY 2025 Whole Blood Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Grant	Florida Department of Health			Fire Rescue	145,647.19	48,549.07	13,047.20	4,349.07	4,349.07
FY 2025 Cybersecurity Grant**	Florida Department of Management Services			Information Technology	-	-	-	-	-
FY 2025 After School Snack Program	Florida Department of Health			Parks and Recreation	205,949.00	-	205,949.00	-	-
Lauderdale Isles Boat Ramp Renovation Grant	Florida Inland Navigation District			Parks and Recreation	75,000.00	75,000.00	75,000.00	75,000.00	75,000.00
Oswald Park*	Florida Department of Environmental Protection			Parks and Recreation	200,000.00	200,000.00	200,000.00	200,000.00	200,000.00
Drone Replacement Program	Florida Department of Law Enforcement			Police	76,926.80	-	76,926.80	-	-
Enhanced Marine Law Enforcement FY25*	Broward County			Police	195,192.00	-	195,192.00	-	-
FY 2022 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) - Fort Lauderdale Police Department (FLPD) Operation Heat Shield	U.S. Department of Homeland Security			Police	11,000.00	-	11,000.00	-	-
Individual First Aid Kits (IFAK) - Patrol Division*	Florida Department of Health			Police	18,262.50	6,087.50	14,850.00	4,950.00	4,950.00
FY 2025 Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Pedestrian & Bicycle Safety Program*	Florida Department of Transportation			Police	81,648.00	-	97,618.08	-	-
FY 2025 Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) State Safety Office Program*	Florida Department of Transportation			Police	57,024.00	-	62,000.00	-	-

Grant Award Summary Fiscal Year 2025

Project Title	Grantor	Department	Grant Application Amount	Grant Application Match Amount	Grant Award Amount	Award Match Amount
School Security Assessment Program	Florida Department of Law Enforcement	Police	36,399.32	-	36,399.32	-
TIX Law Enforcement Grant Program	TIX Companies	Police	4,222.00	-	4,222.00	-
Stormstation 1 Fixed Emergency Generators	Florida Department of Environmental Protection	Public Works	87,500.00	-	87,500.00	-
Stormstation 2 Fixed Emergency Generators	Florida Department of Environmental Protection	Public Works	87,500.00	-	87,500.00	-
Breakers Avenue Resiliency and Pedestrian Traffic Improvements	Florida Department of Transportation	Transportation and Mobility	5,000,000.00	-	3,000,000.00	-
Federal Transit Administration (FTA) American Rescue Plan Grant*	Federal Transit Administration	Transportation and Mobility	150,000.00	-	150,000.00	-
US Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Grant Federal Railroad Admin*	Federal Railroad Administration	Transportation and Mobility	280,000.00	70,000.00	280,000.00	70,000.00
Total Awarded			23,387,847.66	2,056,272.82	20,527,781.25	1,510,935.32

* Grants Applied for in prior Fiscal Years

** New Department in Fiscal Year 2026

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Pending Grant Applications (\$)						
Fort Lauderdale Education Enrichment Grant	2025 State Legislative Program	City Manager	500,000.00	-	-	-
Fort Lauderdale Economic Revitalization & Sustainability Initiative	National League of Cities	City Manager	15,000.00	-	-	-
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Treatment Housing Program	2026 State Legislative Program	City Manager	250,000.00	-	-	-
High-Rise Incident Management System Training	Federal Emergency Management Agency	Fire Rescue	1,237,018.18	123,701.82	-	-
Video Laryngoscope	Florida Department of Health	Fire Rescue	80,849.45	26,949.82	-	-
Florida Local Government Cybersecurity Grant*	Florida Department of Management Services	Information Technology Services	-	-	-	-
Bal Harbour Park Site Acquisition	Florida Department of Environmental Protection	Parks and Recreation	626,414.50	626,414.50	-	-
Floyd Hull Stadium Trail	Florida Department of Environmental Protection	Parks and Recreation	450,000.00	112,500.00	-	-
Preservation and Protection of North Woodlawn Cemetery Project - The City of Fort Lauderdale	Florida Department of State - Division of Historical Resources	Parks and Recreation	50,000.00	-	-	-
FY2026 Fort Lauderdale Police Department Occupant Protection Campaign	Florida Department of Transportation	Police	80,016.00	-	-	-
FY2026 Fort Lauderdale Police Department Operation Fast & Furious	Florida Department of Transportation	Police	46,709.00	-	-	-
FY2026 Fort Lauderdale Police Department Marine Outboard Motor Replacement Project	Florida Inland Navigation District	Police	48,846.00	48,846.00	-	-
FY2025 Fort Lauderdale Police High Visibility traffic safety campaign	Florida Department of Transportation	Police	90,720.00	-	-	-
Galt Mile Street Safety Improvements	2025 State Legislative Program	Public Works	2,425,000.00	2,425,000.00	-	-
Sistrunk Boulevard Stamped Asphalt Crosswalks	2025 State Legislative Program	Public Works	399,313.00	399,312.00	-	-
Co-Designed Digital Twin for Climate Resilience in Coastal Communities*	National Science Foundation	Public Works	-	-	-	-
Roadway Elevation Master Plan	U.S. Department of Transportation	Public Works	2,000,000.00	-	-	-
City of Fort Lauderdale Replacement of Bridge #865720 along N Dixie Highway	U.S. Department of Transportation	Public Works	12,818,366.80	-	-	-
Sebastian and Seville Seawall Replacements	U.S. Department of Transportation	Public Works	2,400,000.00	600,000.00	-	-
Riverwalk North Seawall Replacement from Andrews Ave to FEC Train Track	Florida Inland Navigation District	Public Works	4,000,000.00	4,000,000.00	-	-

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Project Title	Grantor	Department	Grant Application Amount	Grant Application Match Amount	Grant Award Amount	Award Match Amount
Regenerative Ecological Design (RED): A Green Infrastructure Strategy for Enhancing Water Quality and Resilience in Fort Lauderdale, FL	Sea Grant Florida	Public Works	-	-	-	-
Sewage Pumpout Vessel	Florida Department of Environmental Protection	Public Works	152,191.50	110,252.50	-	-
Galt Mile Street Safety Improvements	2026 State Legislative Program	Public Works	1,250,000.00	1,250,000.00	-	-
Southeast Isles Stormwater Improvements	Florida Department of Environmental Protection	Public Works	32,470,469.50	32,470,469.50	-	-
Annual Asphalt Resurfacing	2026 State Legislative Program	Public Works	3,750,000.00	-	-	-
Triplex Wastewater Pump Station Rehabilitation	2026 State Legislative Program	Public Works	5,642,900.00	5,642,900.00	-	-
Microtransit Operations (Galt Mile, Northwest and Southwest)	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency	Transportation and Mobility	1,600,000.00	-	-	-
Las Olas Mobility - Shops Segment	2025 State Legislative Program	Transportation and Mobility	5,000,000.00	1,400,000.00	-	-
New River Cross Planning Phase 2	U.S. Department of Transportation	Transportation and Mobility	2,240,000.00	560,000.00	-	-
Microtransit Implementation and Expansion	Florida Department of Transportation	Transportation and Mobility	993,000.00	993,000.00	-	-
New River Crossing Study Phase 2	U.S. Department of Transportation	Transportation and Mobility	2,000,000.00	-	-	-
Total Grant Funds Pending			82,616,813.93	50,789,346.14	-	-
Grant Applications Not Awarded (\$)						
Market Building Plan/ Roadmap for Public Private Partnership	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency	Public Works	250,000.00	-	-	-
City of Fort Lauderdale Strategic Energy Efficiency Plan	U.S. Department of Energy	Public Works	20,000.00	-	-	-
Laudertrail Segments 2D, 2E and 2F	2025 State Legislative Program	Transportation and Mobility	3,000,000.00	-	-	-
Sunrise Lane District Streetscape	2025 State Legislative Program	Transportation and Mobility	3,000,000.00	500,000.00	-	-
Total Grant Funds Not Awarded			6,270,000.00	500,000.00	-	-



City of Fort Lauderdale

Fiscal Year 2026 Grant Resource Guide

The Grant Resource Guide is compiled annually to identify potential grant funding sources that may support City operations across departments. This guide is fluid and updated additional opportunities are evaluated throughout the year as information becomes available.

The FY 2026 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. Grant opportunities are also identified using Euna Grants, the nation's largest professionally curated database of grants, which is provided through the City's membership in the Florida League of Cities. 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 programs 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 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Grants (SAFER) grant which will provide continued funding in FY 2026 without the submission of new grant applications. A detailed description of each grant identified is provided by department in the sections that follow.

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

The Community Services Department applies for grants that promote economic development as well as advance homelessness initiatives for the City. The Economic Development division has applied for grants that advance the economic mobility of residents. The Homeless Initiative team has received appropriations from the State of Florida to aid homeless individuals who are dealing with mental health or substance abuse issues.

- [Advancing Economic Mobility Rapid Grant](#) was launched with the generous support of the Gates Foundation in 2023. It is a unique opportunity that provides small grants through a competitive application process to cities, towns, and villages seeking to support the advancement of economic mobility. It is expected that the grant will open for applications in the Spring.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

The Development Services Department applies for grants that encourage and coordinate sustainable growth of the City and promote 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.

- [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.

FORT LAUDERDALE EXECUTIVE AIRPORT

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 before the start 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.

FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT

The Fire Rescue Department typically applies for Public Safety grants that run from January - June of each year. The Department regularly receive 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 fresh and saltwater submersible rescue tools and "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.
- **Florida Department of Health Overdose Data to Action** provides funding to support service and to collect data on a standardized set of indicators used to measure whether individuals with a substance use disorder are connected to and retained in evidence-based treatment and harm reduction services. Integrating and linking existing data sources can help public health departments and partners enhance services provided to people at risk of experiencing an overdose and improve access to treatment and support services. The success of this program hinges on strong partnerships and data sharing across public health, behavioral health, health systems, community organizations, and public safety.

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 and Recreation Department is working in conjunction with the Capital Project Department to target grants to support Parks Bond projects.

- [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 drowning incident rates 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, with the goal of preparing them to become future lifeguards or water safety instructors. Pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and water safety education are available for the parents of children participating in swimming 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 non-commercial 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.
- [Consumer Recycling Education and Outreach Grant Program](#) provides funding to help state, local, and tribal governments enhance education and outreach on proper recycling practices. Grant funding supports improvements in local materials management and assists waste management authorities in strengthening their waste management systems.
- [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 Coastal Management Program (FCMP)** through the Coastal Partnership Initiative (CPI) provides competitive funding to Florida's 35 coastal counties and all municipalities within their boundaries that are required to include coastal elements in their comprehensive plans. The CPI supports the protection and effective management of Florida's coastal resources in four (4) priority areas: Resilient Communities, Coastal Resource Stewardship, Access to Coastal Resources, and Working Waterfronts. Financial awards range from \$10,000 to \$60,000 for construction projects, habitat restoration, invasive plant removal, or land acquisition, and up to \$30,000 for planning, design, and coordination activities. All projects must be completed within 12 months, regardless of the funding cycle start date.
- **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 (4) 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. The Public Works Department also pursues this grant.
- **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 public.
- **National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) Our Town** grant programs support creative place making 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.
- **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 from November through January.
- **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 1, 2026.

- **Resilient Florida Program** includes a selection of grants that are available to counties, municipalities, special districts with specific responsibilities 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.
- **U.S. Forest Service Urban and Community Forestry Matching Grant Program** offered through the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services provides matching funds to help organizations develop or enhance urban and community forestry programs. The program supports increasing tree cover, improving public access to nature, and strengthening resilience to heat, flooding, and other climate impacts. Grants are typically 50-50 matching (federal and applicant) and are available to local governments, educational institutions, Native-American tribal governments, and nonprofit organizations. Award Categories include Public Tree Canopy Improvement (tree planting) – the purchase and installation of community trees on public rights-of-way and in parks or other public spaces; Public Tree Inventory or Urban Tree Canopy Assessment – funds for communities to develop or enhance inventories/assessments of public trees; Urban Forest Management Planning; and Urban Forestry Information and Education.
- **USDA Florida Department of Agriculture Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)** is federally funded by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and is state administered by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS). The SFSP aims to bridge nutrition gaps during the summer months by offering healthy meals to children 18 years and younger when school is not in session.

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 2026 grants that the Police Department plans to apply for are expected to be awarded between October and February. The Department currently manages several multi-year grants and is actively pursuing additional funding opportunities aimed at reducing violent crime, particularly related to gun-related incidents.

- [**Broward County Enhanced Marine Law Enforcement Grant \(EMLEG\)**](#) provides funding for projects that expand marine police enforcement beyond current and prior funding levels. Applicants must document current and past three (3) years of funded staffing, hours of marine patrol service, and the number of funded boats in the current and previous three (3) fiscal years. Proposals should detail how the grantee will enhance marine patrols within their jurisdiction and provide associated cost estimates. To remain eligible for future funding, grantees must expend at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the funds awarded within the fiscal year of the grant.
- [**Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant \(JAG\)**](#) Program was established under the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2005, which combined the discretionary Edward Byrne Memorial Grant Program with the formula-based Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (LLEBG) program. Administered by the Bureau of Justice Assistance, JAG is a primary source of federal justice funding for state, tribal, and local jurisdictions. The program provides critical support for a wide range of areas, including law enforcement, prosecution and court, prevention and education, corrections and community corrections, drug treatment and enforcement, planning and evaluation, technology improvements, and crime victim and witness initiatives. Grant applications are typically due in December.
- [**Florida Department of Transportation \(FDOT\) Highway Safety Discretionary Transit Grants**](#) are awarded on a federal fiscal year basis (October 1 - September 30) through the Traffic Safety Section. Funded by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), these cost-reimbursed grants, meaning agencies cover program costs upfront and are reimbursed for eligible expenses. Grants support traffic safety initiatives in areas such as speeding, aging drivers, impaired driving, and motorcycle safety. Concept papers must be submitted between January 1st and the last day of February for the next award cycle.
- [**High Visibility Enforcement for Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety**](#) supports the objectives of Florida's Pedestrian and Bicycle Strategic Safety Plan. The program provides funding to serve as crash mitigation tool by targeting unsafe behaviors of all road users, including motorists, pedestrians, and bicyclists. Funds may only be used for officer overtime hours during on-street enforcement operations.
- [**Florida Inland Navigation District Waterways Assistance Program \(FIND WAP\)**](#) provides grants to enhance waterway access and address challenges along the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway and connected waterways. Funding supports local governments including municipalities, counties, and port authorities in improving boater access, managing mooring fields, developing public recreation areas and waterfront parks, overseeing inlet management, promoting environmental education, and enhancing boating safety. Grant applications open in January and are due by the end of March.

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 United States Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration, to seek funding that meets community needs. The Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for 2027 funds is expected to be posted November 1, 2026. Eligible City bridges are identified using the City's Adopted Five-Year Community Investment Plan
- [Federal Emergency Management Agency \(FEMA\) Hazard Mitigation Grant Program](#) helps communities implement long-term pre-disaster hazard mitigation strategies. The program aims to reduce risk to people and property from future natural hazards while decreasing reliance on federal disaster funding. It provides planning and project grants and supports public awareness efforts to reduce future losses. Grants are funded annually through Congressional appropriations and awarded nationally on a competitive basis, typically following a Presidentially declared disaster, such as the historic flood in April 2023.
- [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 is responsible for developing and maintaining the State Hazard Mitigation Plan, recommending technically feasible and cost-effective sub applications to FEMA, and providing pass-through funding for FEMA-awarded project grants to eligible sub applicants. The NOFO for 2026 funds is expected to be posted around January 5, 2026.
- [Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development \(BUILD\) 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 BUILD 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. Applications are due on February 24, 2026.
- [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).

- **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.
- **Broward County, Florida's Mobility Advancement Program (MAP),** funded by a voter-approved one percent (1%) sales surtax, supports major transportation and public works projects over thirty years. Known as the "Penny for Transportation," the program aims to improve roads, transit, bike and pedestrian paths, and smart infrastructure while leveraging additional funds and boosting the local economy through small business participation. MAP funds a wide range of projects, including new sidewalks, signal systems, transit expansion and fiber optic installation, providing significant local investment and grants to municipalities. The third amendment introduces Annual Formula-Based Funding from FY 2026 through FY 2033, calculated based on each municipality's centerline miles.
- **County Incentive Grant Program (CIGP)** is a State-funded program that provides funding to counties for the improvement of transportation facilities on the State Highway System or for local transportation facilities that relieve traffic congestion on the State Highway System. The County is responsible for notifying municipalities under its jurisdiction about this program. In addition, the County must evaluate all municipal projects and collectively prioritize all projects for one submittal package to FDOT. There is a yearly funding cycle.
- **Safe Routes to School Program (SRTS)** can help communities address their school transportation needs and encourage more students to walk or cycle to school. It strives to enable and encourage children in grades Kindergarten through High School, including those with disabilities, to walk and bike to school; to make walking and biking to school safer and more appealing, and to facilitate the planning, development, and implementation of projects that will improve safety and reduce traffic, fuel consumption, and improve air quality in the vicinity of schools. In addition to encouraging more children to walk or cycle to school, the program also seeks to address the safety needs of children already walking or biking in less-than-ideal conditions. A successful program integrates safety, traffic relief, health, environmental awareness, physical activity, and fitness under one program.

UTILITIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT

The Utilities Services Department plans to apply for grant opportunities related to distribution and collection system improvements. The department also collaborates closely with the Public Works Department, which is responsible for managing most of the City's grant-funded construction and design projects that advance critical utility infrastructure needs. The Utility Services Department will focus on grant programs that support water conservation, system upgrades, and long-term utility infrastructure resiliency.

- [Alternative Water Supply and Water Conservation Grant Program](#) supports projects that enhance water conservation and promote long-term water resource sustainability. Eligible activities include indoor and other water-saving initiatives, with an emphasis on technologies that reduce potable water use. Allowable costs include Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) analytics software and online customer engagement portals, which must directly support measurable outcomes such as real-time water monitoring, leak detection alerts, consumption reporting, and customer water-use management. The program helps utilities deploy technologies to improve water efficiency and strengthen system resiliency. Projects may be eligible for up to 50 percent cost-share by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, with construction or implementation starting on or after October 1, 2026. Applications for this cycle are due February 26, 2026.
- [Economic Development Administration \(EDA\) Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance \(PWEAA\) Program](#) provides funding to help communities build, improve, or upgrade important public infrastructure that supports long-term economic growth. Eligible projects include the construction, rehabilitation, or expansion of critical water and sewer system improvements, such as treatment facilities, pump stations, distribution and collection system upgrades, and supporting utility infrastructure necessary to enhance service reliability and capacity. The program also supports the development of utility facilities that can accommodate expansion for workforce development programs, including projects involving infrastructure, technology, and construction to support training and operational needs. Cost share requirements typically range from 20% to 40%, depending on the project's location and overall project cost.

