



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE

Homeless Initiatives Review
Fiscal Year 2023
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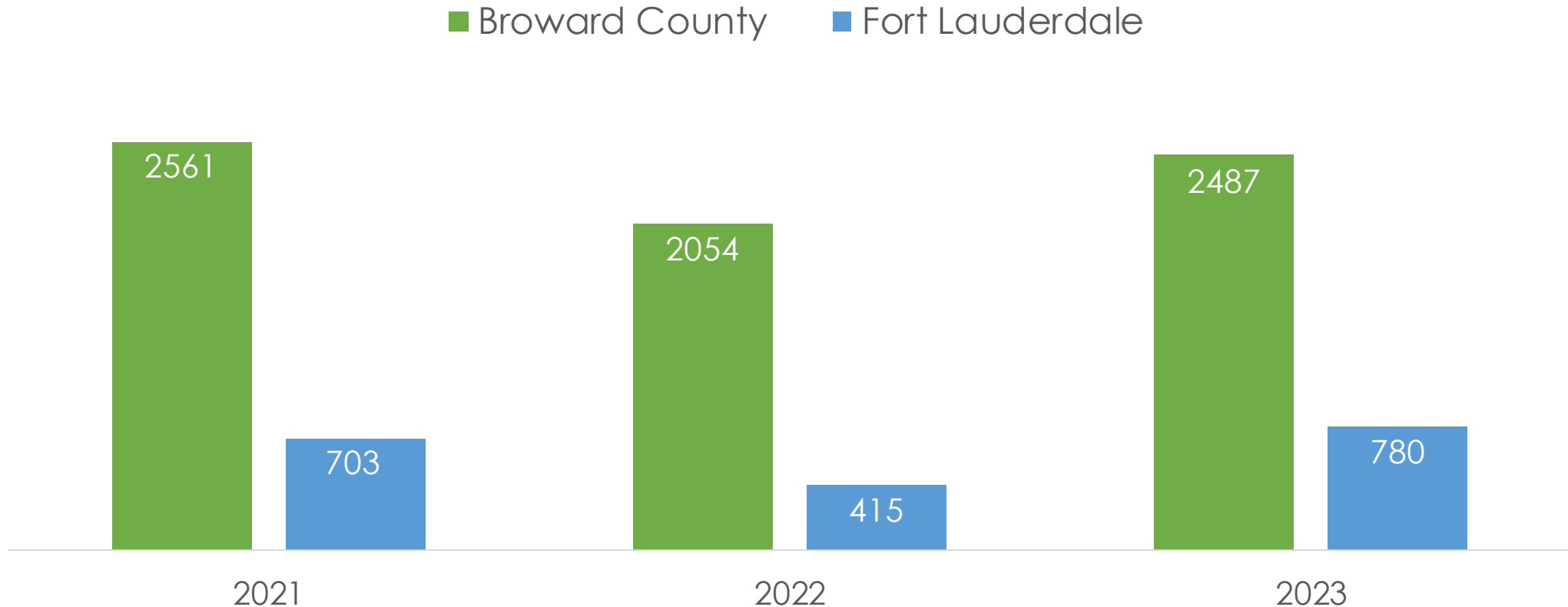
Agenda

FY23: Review

FY24: City Commission Priorities

Complexity & Opportunities

PIT Count Numbers



48% of the County's unsheltered homeless population is within the City of Fort Lauderdale.

Countywide unsheltered population: 863 – Sheltered: 1624 = 2487 Total

*2022 data is limited only completed for one day with volunteers and during County's staff transitioning

FY23: Homeless Services Review

Fire Department



54,349 Total calls for service
4,143 Homeless related calls
845 Calls related to substance abuse
413 Calls related to mental health

7.6% of calls are related to homeless concerns

Police Department



250,711 Total calls for service
7,122 Homeless related calls

2.8% of calls are related to homeless concerns
**Limited data based on new software*

Homeless Outreach Team



Outreach: **2,794**



Notices to Appear (NTAs): **56**



Reunifications: **59**

Q-Alert (x8000)



Total of **267** inquiries logged into the system from phone calls and City Commission Office emails

Homeless Initiatives

Community Court



- 1,255 visits between NTAs and Walk-ins
- NTAs makeup 2% of all visits
- Only 39% of those cited appear before court
- 1 in 3 individuals has been in community court before

Housing Navigation Program



- First year achieved a 65% housing success rate within a group of 43 chronically homeless individuals

Community Education & Support



- Presented before 30 neighborhood and business meetings

FY24: City Commission Priorities



Housing Accessibility

1. Address congregation of individuals at intersections
2. Coordinate services to address mental health, physical health, and addiction for those that are homeless or at risk
3. Improve the feeling of safety for neighbors

What's in Place?

Congregation at Intersections	Coordinate Services	Improve Feeling of Safety	Other
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Outreach – PD HOT• Hotspots Deployment Program – NS/PD/FD*	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reunification – PD HOT• Community Court – NS• Housing Navigation – NS/PD• Program Funding - HCD• MOORE - Fire	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Education and Support – PD/NS• HOT Officers for nights and weekends – PD*	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• COC Members• Broward County Advisory Boards• Municipality Working Group*• City Advisory Committee*

*New for FY24

Current Complexity



Homeless Advisory Committee Role

- 1) The creation of a **strategic plan** to prevent, reduce, and address homelessness;
- 2) Assist in **identifying funding** for homelessness initiatives;
- 3) Review **best practices** in addressing homelessness;
- 4) Raise **awareness** regarding the City's actions in addressing homelessness;
- 5) Determine any **gaps in programs** that address homelessness;
- 6) Develop **performance indicators**.

Limit: 24-months





Opportunities In Progress

Funding

- Neighbor Support budget includes \$315,000 for the Housing Navigation Program
- Police Department budget includes three new officers to enhance services for nights and weekends
- State grant for Community Court for \$100,000 – *Pending approval*
- State legislative request for a mental health housing Program \$500,000 – *Pending approval*
- Federal request for \$2,000,000 for hotspot deployment – *Pending approval*

Governmental

- Meeting with Broward Sheriff's Office to understand the jail discharge process
- Meeting with State Attorney's Office to address issues regarding repeat offenders
- Convening of local municipalities to discuss jail discharge process for homeless population
- Advocate to the State legislature for law enforcement public safety tools, mental health, and substance abuse treatment funding