

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, term length, and time of performance.

The various tables below articulate the organizations recommended for funding in the FY 2025 Budget, the recommended funding amount, and the purpose of the City’s contribution.

City of Fort Lauderdale FY 2025 Nonprofit Grant Participation Agreement Funding		
Organization	Recommended Funding	Purpose of City’s Contribution
Areawide Council on Aging of Broward County, Inc.	\$127,842	Support meal and transportation services and resources to 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 Fort Lauderdale children of eligible low-income families.
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 to access social program services.
Junior Achievement of South Florida, Inc.	\$33,900	Provide 5th and 8th grade public school students in Fort Lauderdale with financial and entrepreneurial learning, served annually through JA BizTown and JA Finance Park.
Museum of Discovery and Science, Inc.	\$214,800	Provide kindergarten through 5th grade public elementary school students in Fort Lauderdale with Museum and school instruction to improve long-term academic success in the critical STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) disciplines.
Nova Southeastern University, Inc. for NSU Art Museum	\$500,000	Provide innovative art exhibitions and cultural, educational and enrichment programs to stimulate tourism in Fort Lauderdale as well as provide complimentary admission for City residents.
The Mobile School Pantry Inc. South Florida	\$36,000	Provide monthly mobile markets in Sistrunk and supply vouchers be used by food-insecure families within the Fort Lauderdale community
The Stranahan House, Inc.	\$100,000	To fund a Welcome Center, open to the public, at the Stranahan House which educates 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	\$1,137,542	

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City of Fort Lauderdale FY 2025 Interlocal Agreement Funding		
Organization	Recommend Funding	Purpose of City's Contribution
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 into perpetuity accessible to all residents and visitors. This is the third payment of the City's \$5 million total commitment.
	\$100,000	Operation, maintenance, and programming support for Huizenga Park.
Subtotal Interlocal Agreement Funding	\$814,285	

City of Fort Lauderdale FY 2025 Nonprofit Funding Included in Department Operating Budgets Contracts and Sponsorship		
Organization	Recommended Funding	Purpose of City's Contribution
Fort Lauderdale Historical Society, Inc.	\$85,000	Contribute toward the educational, cultural, and historical life of Fort Lauderdale to serve as a historic tourist destination within the Riverwalk Arts and Entertainment District.
Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale - <i>Go Riverwalk</i> Magazine	\$50,400	Provide space in the monthly Go Riverwalk magazine to communicate City information.
Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale - Riverwalk Activation	\$300,600	Provide for the programming, beautification, lighting enhancements, and revitalization of Riverwalk Park and special events such as the annual Light Up Lauderdale and the Day of the Dead celebration.
Summer Youth Employment Program	\$150,000	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.
Winterfest, Inc.	\$75,000	Sponsor the Annual Boat Parade and build a festival and full complement of events around the Greater Fort Lauderdale area.
Subtotal Contracts and Sponsorship Funding	\$661,000	
GRAND TOTAL FUNDING	\$2,612,827	