



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING**

#24-0253

TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Greg Chavarria, City Manager

DATE: March 5, 2024

TITLE: Resolution Approving Acceptance of Grant Funds in the Amount of
\$704,836 from the Florida Department of Education - (**Commission
Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4**)

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the City Commission adopt a resolution approving the acceptance of grant funds in the amount of \$704,836 from the Florida Department of Education and authorizing the City Manager to execute any documents necessary to accept the grant funds and implement an Education Enrichment Program.

Background

During the 2024 Legislative Session, the City of Fort Lauderdale requested a state appropriation for the Education Enrichment Program in the amount of \$704,836. This request was included in the FY2024 State Budget.

Elevating its role in education, the city hosted learning pods while schools were shuttered and has continued to expand academic enrichment offerings through summer and after-school programs since the pandemic. An academic summer program was piloted using CARES Act funding in the summers of 2021, 2022 and 2023, in which more than 2,000 children and youth benefited from instruction by certified teachers through the City's summer camps, resulting in participants mastering three or more reading and math skills.

Funding builds on the success of the City's summer academic program and expands services to include after-school enrichment, workforce exploration and citizenship development.

The City Attorney's Office cautions that one of the grant assurances to which the City must adhere, but likely will not be able to because it is more applicable to school boards, requires the City, as the applicant, to certify that, as required by the Gun-Free Schools Act of 1994, and in compliance with Section 1006.13(3)(a), Florida Statutes, "any student who is determined to have brought a firearm . . . to school, any school function, or on any school-sponsored transportation will be expelled, with or without continuing educational services, from the student's regular school for a period of no less than one full year, and

referred to the criminal justice or juvenile justice system.”

Resource Impact

There is a positive fiscal impact to the city in the amount of \$704,836 which will allow for project implementation in FY 2024 and expanded services to include after school enrichment, workforce exploration and citizenship development.

Source:

| Funds available as of February 15, 2024 | | | | | |
|---|-----------------------------------|--|----------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|
| ACCOUNT NUMBER | COST CENTER NAME (Program) | CHARACTER/ACCOUNT NAME | AMENDED BUDGET (Character) | AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character) | AMOUNT |
| 10-129-9300-572-334-900-24GENRICH | FY24 Education Enrichment Program | Intergovernmental Revenue/ State Grant - Other | \$0 | \$0 | \$704,836 |
| TOTAL AMOUNT ► | | | | | \$704,836 |

Use:

| ACCOUNT NUMBER | PROJECT NAME (Program) | CHARACTER/ACCOUNT NAME | AMENDED BUDGET (Character) | AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character) | PURCHASE AMOUNT |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|----------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|
| 10-129-9300-572-10-1107-24GENRICH | FY24 Education Enrichment Program | Salaries & Wages/ Part Time Salaries | \$0 | \$0 | \$403,514 |
| 10-129-9300-572-30-3199-24GENRICH | FY24 Education Enrichment Program | Services/ Materials/ Other Professional Services | \$0 | \$0 | \$206,386 |
| 10-129-9300-572-30-3907-24GENRICH | FY24 Education Enrichment Program | Services/ Materials/ Data Processing Supplies | \$0 | \$0 | \$32,500 |
| 10-129-9300-572-30-3628-24GENRICH | FY24 Education Enrichment Program | Services/ Materials/ Telephone/ Cable TV | \$0 | \$0 | \$20,000 |
| 10-129-9300-572-30-3999-24GENRICH | FY24 Education Enrichment Program | Services/ Materials/ Other Supplies | \$0 | \$0 | \$42,436 |
| PURCHASE TOTAL ► | | | | | \$704,836 |

Strategic Connections

This item is a *2024 Commission Priority*, advancing the Public Places initiative.

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2029* Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:

- The Public Places Focus Area, Goal 5: Build a beautiful and welcoming community.

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

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Florida Department of Education Request for Application

Exhibit 2 – City of Fort Lauderdale Application, Education Enrichment Program

Exhibit 3 – General Assurance Section D

Exhibit 4 – Resolution

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