



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#19-1105

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

FROM: Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: December 3, 2019

TITLE: Resolution Authorizing the City of Fort Lauderdale to Enter into a Broward County Redevelopment Program Interlocal Agreement – NE 4th Avenue Complete Street Project – **(Commission District 2)**

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission adopt a resolution approving an Interlocal Agreement among the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA), the City of Fort Lauderdale (City) and Broward County, in substantially the form attached, for project funding for the NE 4th Avenue Complete Street Project for an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 from the Broward Redevelopment Program (BRP).

Background

The Broward Redevelopment Program is a competitive grant program in defined redevelopment areas. Applicants must demonstrate blighted conditions, higher unemployment rates and lower property value growth than those of the municipality or the county in which the project is located. The maximum funding per cycle is \$1,000,000. Eligible applicants include municipalities, CRAs which do not receive Tax Increment Financing (TIF), or a county in partnership with a municipality or CRA.

On July 11, 2017 the City Commission adopted Resolution 17-132 supporting and authorizing the submittal of an application for grant funding through the Broward County Redevelopment Program for the NE 4th Avenue Complete Street Project.

On September 21, 2017 the Transportation and Mobility Department and CRA staff submitted the NE 4th Avenue Complete Street Project for BRP funding consideration (see Exhibit 1). The project is located in the Central City CRA on NE 4th Avenue between Sunrise Boulevard (State Road 838) and NE 13th Street (see Exhibit 2). The public improvement to the street includes transportation improvements and streetscape enhancement. Proposed new improvements include wider sidewalks with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) ramps, pedestrian scale street lighting, shade trees, and potential entryway/place making design features. The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) recently completed a complimentary project within the roadway to include milling and resurfacing of pavement, buffered bicycle lanes, new signing and markings including high-

intensity crosswalks, median modifications, right turn lane capacity at NE 13th Street, and light-emitting diode (LED) lighting improvements. Proposed improvements will be designed in accordance with the Fort Lauderdale Complete Street Program Guidelines, Broward County Complete Streets Guidelines, and the FDOT Design Manual.

On March 5, 2019, the Broward County Commission approved funding for the project in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000. This funding will be utilized for the engineering design, construction, and inspection phases of this project.

The project application included a construction estimate of \$1,482,652. Project funding includes \$1,000,000 from the Broward Redevelopment Program and \$483,000 from FDOT (see Exhibit 3).

The Interlocal Agreement requires that the project be completed and operational within three years; with the agreement expiring in June 30, 2023. The agreement allows for a maximum of three funding disbursements by the County totaling \$1,000,000 subject to the County's review and approval of requirement documentation prior to payment. The first disbursement in the amount of \$333,333 will occur when the County has an executed construction contract, approved plans and all required development and permit approvals. The second disbursement in the amount of \$333,333 will occur upon completion of the project, and upon submittal of all receipts, approved permits, and certificate of completion, including a professional engineer's signing and seal attesting to project completion in conformance with plans and specifications. The third and final disbursement of \$333,334 will occur upon satisfactory review and approval of all required documentation of verified actual costs demonstrating to have been expended for the completion of the project in the minimum amount of the initial disbursement of \$333,333.

Approval of this request is contingent upon approval of CAMs #19-1104 and #19-1149.

Resource Impact

No City funds are being utilized for this project. Funding for this project will be from a matching BRP grant from Broward County. The match for this grant is from FDOT, which provided the design and construction funding for the improvements within the roadway completed in Summer 2019. The BRP grant funding will cover expenses related to design survey, design engineering, construction, and construction inspection.

Strategic Connections

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2024* Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:

- The Infrastructure Focus Area
- Goal 1: Build a sustainable and resilient community
- Objective: Ensure climate change resiliency and implement local and regional strategies to reduce our carbon footprint.

- Goal 2: Build a multi-modal City and pedestrian friendly community

- Objective: Improve transportation options and reduce congestion by working with partners
- Objective: Improve roads, sidewalks, and trails to prioritize a safe, more walkable and bikeable community

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

Related CAM

CRA Board CAM #19-1104

CAM #19-1149

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Broward Redevelopment Program Application – NE 4th Avenue Complete Street Project

Exhibit 2 – Project Location Map

Exhibit 3 – Documentation of Funding Match

Exhibit 4 – Interlocal Agreement

Exhibit 5 – Resolution

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