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TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the

Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager

DATE: October 23, 2025

TITLE: Presentation by Fellowship Recovery Community Organization, Inc. –

(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

In alignment with the Fiscal Year 2025 City Commission Priority of Homelessness Response, the City of Fort Lauderdale coordinates services to assist neighbors experiencing homelessness and improve the feeling of safety for all our neighbors. Working with service providers such as Fellowship Recovery Community Organization, Inc. (Fellowship) provides the City with a resource the City's Police Department Homeless Outreach Team and homeless program staff may refer individuals to if they are willing to accept services and qualify for the treatment being offered.

The City of Fort Lauderdale has worked closely with Fellowship through the Community Court program and began directly engaging Fellowship through a Not-for-Profit Service Agreement entered into on March 4, 2025. The initial agreement was made possible by a grant from the State of Florida, Department of Children and Families which expired on June 30, 2025. The City's partnership with Fellowship has continued by way of an amendment to the Not-for-Profit Service Agreement funded through the City General Fund in the Fiscal Year 2026 budget.

Fellowship will make a presentation to the City Commission to share what their organization does to assist the homeless within Fort Lauderdale as well as the services provided to the City through the Not-for-Profit Service Agreement.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

Strategic Connections

This item is a FY 2026 Commission Priority advancing the Homelessness Response Initiative.

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2029* Strategic Plan, specifically advancing the Housing Focus Area—Goal 2: Enable housing options for all income levels.

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

Attachment

Exhibit 1 – Presentation provided by Fellowship Recovery

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