



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#25-0287

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

FROM: Susan Grant, Acting City Manager

DATE: March 4, 2025

TITLE: Motion Approving a Not-for-Profit Service Agreement between the City of Fort Lauderdale and HomesUnited Ministries, Inc. for the Mental Health and Substance Abuse Housing Program - \$125,000 - **(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission approve a FY 2025 Not-for-Profit Service Agreement between The City of Fort Lauderdale (“City”) and HomesUnited Ministries, Inc., (“HomesUnited”) to provide facility-based behavioral health stabilization and housing to individuals experiencing homelessness in the amount of \$125,000.

Background

In an effort to advance the City Commission’s 2025 Priority on Homelessness Initiatives, staff is requesting approval of a not-for-profit service agreement with HomesUnited to provide mental health evaluation assessment, treatment, and linkage to treatment services. Funding of this program comes from a grant agreement between the City of Fort Lauderdale and the State of Florida, Department of Children and Families, previously approved under resolution 24-269.

HomesUnited shall provide mental health support services including, but not limited to, assistance to apply for federal benefits (as applicable), housing navigation, legal aid, employment services, daily meals, and case management for individuals experiencing homelessness within the City of Fort Lauderdale. The goals are to enhance the ability of recipients to achieve stable housing and become self-sufficient, and improve public health, safety, and welfare to serve a legitimate public and municipal purpose.

Homeless individuals deemed appropriate for voluntary admission to HomesUnited for behavioral health treatment and support services will actively participate toward achieving their treatment goals for up to 90-days. At the 90-day mark, participants making marked improvement will be assessed for an extension not to exceed an additional 90-days (maximum treatment stay up to 180 days). Temporary residential placement for behavioral health treatment and support services will be billed at a rate of \$50.00 per day. Expenditures for client transportation will be reimbursed bimonthly on a cost-reimbursement basis.

The performance measures within this contract include:

- 25% of program participants will successfully transition to stable housing at discharge.
- 90% of referrals received will be enrolled and receive support services within 15 calendar days from acceptance of the referral.

Referrals to the program will be conducted by the Fort Lauderdale Police Department Homeless Outreach Team and Neighbor Support Division through Community Court.

Resource Impact

There will be a fiscal impact in the amount of \$125,000. Funding of this program comes from a grant agreement between the City of Fort Lauderdale and the State of Florida, Department of Children and Families, previously approved under resolution 24-269.

Funds available as of March 1, 2025					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	COST CENTER	CHARACTER CODE/ ACCOUNT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
10-129-9300-519-30-3299-25GDCFQL	'FL Dept of Children and Family - Mental Health and Substance Abuse Housing Program	Services/Materials/ Other Services	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$125,000
TOTAL AMOUNT ►					\$125,000

Strategic Connections

This item is a 2025 *Commission Annual Action Plan* Priority, advancing the Homelessness Initiatives

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*.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 - HomesUnited Agreement

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