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TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the

Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Greg Chavarria, City Manager

DATE: December 19, 2023

TITLE: Resolution Approving Fiscal Year 2024 Not-For-Profit Grant Participation

Agreement with First Call for Help of Broward, Inc. - \$25,000 -

(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission adopt a resolution approving a City of Fort Lauderdale Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Not for Profit Grant Participation Agreement with First Call for Help of Broward, Inc., a not-for-profit corporation, and authorizing execution of the agreement in the amount of \$25,000.

Background

With the adoption of the FY 2024 Budget, the City Commission approved contributions to not-for-profit organizations that support the needs of the community while making a positive impact. The benefiting not-for-profit organization is required to execute a participation agreement that provides for the maximum funding amount, terms of contribution, scope of services, and standards of performance.

First Call for Help of Broward, Inc. provides callers with information and referrals that help them to access social program services. The funding will be used to answer calls, texts, and/or live chat sessions and assist approximately 19,500 contacts in Fort Lauderdale who are in need. Approximately 2,500 of these contacts are expected to be Fort Lauderdale residents seeking help to stabilize their housing situations and/or to prevent homelessness. First Call for Help is open 7 days/week, 24/hours/day; records data, updates existing and add new agency and program information in the resource database; conduct outreach activities, such as presentations, municipal/community events, etc., to distribute 211 information to the community at large. Additionally, they prepare City of Fort Lauderdale reports, including resident needs, referrals, unmet needs, demographics, and sort calls by zip code.

Resource Impact

There is a fiscal impact to the General Fund in the amount of \$25,000 in FY 2024. Funding is budgeted and available in the account listed on the following page.

| Funds available as of November 13, 2023 | | | | | |
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| ACCOUNT NUMBER | INDEX NAME (Program) | CHARACTER/ SUB-OBJECT NAME | AMENDED BUDGET (CHARACTER) | AVAILABLE BALANCE (CHARACTER) | AMOUNT |
| 10-001-9002-519-40- 4210 | Other General Government – Social/Cultural | Other Operating Expenses/Social Contributions | \$2,003,504 | \$1,276,319 | \$25,000 |
| | | | TOTAL CONTRIBUTION► | | \$25,000 |

Strategic Connections

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

- The Neighborhood Enhancement Focus Area
- Goal 4: Build a thriving and inclusive community of neighborhoods
- Objective: Work with partners to reduce homelessness and self-worth through advocacy, housing and comprehensive services
- Objective: Ensure a range of affordable housing options

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

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Agreement Exhibit 2 – Resolution

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