



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

#26-0159

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

FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager

DATE: February 3, 2026

TITLE: Motion Approving the Not-for-Profit Grant Participation Agreement with Experience Aviation, Inc., to provide a Pre-Apprenticeship and Workforce Development STEM Summer Youth Employment Program to youths aged 16 through 18, within the City of Fort Lauderdale – \$150,000 - **(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission approve a Not-for-Profit Grant Participation Agreement, in substantially the form attached, with Experience Aviation, Inc. (Experience Aviation), for a not to exceed total of \$150,000, to provide a paid summer youth employment program as part of the implementation of the Education Enrichment Program Grant.

Background

The City has continued to expand workforce development opportunities each year through summer apprenticeship and paid summer youth employment programs utilizing CARES Act and education enrichment grant funds. This funding builds on the success of the City's summer programs and expands services to include workforce exploration in STEM fields including the aviation and marine industries.

The City has been awarded a \$350,000 Education Enrichment Program Grant (the "Program") by the Florida Department of Education. The purpose of the Program is to enrich summer programming and expand services to include workforce exploration. As part of the Education Enrichment Program Grant, the City will partner with Experience Aviation to provide structured paid on-the-job learning opportunities to twenty-three (23) youths residing in the City of Fort Lauderdale. The City will provide funding amounts, on a reimbursement basis, to cover wages for the participants and two (2) administrative staff, costs for specialized instructional providers, materials and supplies, and equipment to include laptops and tablets.

Resource Impact

This item is contingent upon the approval of the Consolidated Budget Amendment (CAM #26-0059), and the Resolution Approving Acceptance of Grant Funds from the Florida

Department of Education, CAM #26-0157. Funding is available in the following account.

<i>Funds available as of January 8, 2026</i>					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	PROJECT NAME (Program)	CHARACTER/ ACCOUNT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
10-129-9300-572-30- 3199-26GENRICH	FY26 Education Enrichment Program	Services/ Materials/ Other Professional Services	\$0	\$0	\$150,000
TOTAL AMOUNT ►					\$150,000

Strategic Connections

This item is a FY 2026 Commission Priority, advancing the Public Places and Community Initiatives.

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

- Business Growth and Support, Goal 6: Build a diverse and attractive economy.

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

This item supports the *Advance Fort Lauderdale 2040 Comprehensive Plan* specifically advancing:

- Business Development Focus Area
- Education Element
- Goal 2: Encourage traditional and non-traditional educational opportunities beyond K-12 including higher educational institutions, continuing education, workforce development and Career Technical Education by developing strategic alliances with business associations, colleges, and universities to connect skills development with jobs.

Related CAMs

#26-0059

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Attachments

Exhibit 1 – City of Fort Lauderdale Education Enrichment Program Grant

Exhibit 2 – Not-for-Profit Grant Participation Agreement

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