



## SECTION 1 | SUMMARY INFORMATION

Date: 10/01/2025

☒ Agenda Item ☐ Commission Memo ☐ Letter (to external agency) ☐ Other Document

Document Title/Purpose: Motion Approving Fiscal Year 2025 Beach Business Improvement District (BBID) Grant Funding for the

Florida Panthers 2025 Championship Celebration in the Amount of \$100,000 - (Commission Districts 2 and 4)

Commission Meeting Date: 009/16/2025 CAM #: 25-0775 Item #: CM-6

CAM attached: ☒ Yes ☐ No Action Summary Attached: ☒ Yes ☐ No CIP FUNDED: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Community Investment Plan (CIP) Project defined as having a life of at least 10 years and a cost of at least \$100,000 and shall mean improvements to real property (land, buildings, or fixtures) that add value and/or extend useful life, including major repairs such as roof replacement. Term "real property" includes land, real estate, realty, or real.

## SECTION 2 | REQUESTOR (CHARTER OFFICE/DEPARTMENT)

Charter Office: CAO Router Name: Stephanie S Ext: 5001

Department: PARKS Router Name: J. Erickson Ext: 4599

Department Approval (Director/Chief): Name: Init.: Date:

\*Return Document To: Department: Ext:

\*REMINDER: Once review and signature at the last level of government (Federal, State, County) is complete, scan the final record copy and send to the City Clerk's Office.

Scan Date: Attach Certified Resolution #: Original form route to CAO: ☐ Yes ☐ No

## THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS ARE FOR CHARTER OFFICE USE ONLY

SECTION 3 | CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE (CAO): CAO signed/routed Required ☒ Yes ☐ NoIs the attached Granicus document final? ☒ Yes ☐ No Number of Originals Attached: 2Attorney's Name: Patricia SaintVil-Joseph Approved as to Form: ☒ Yes ☐ No Initials: [Signature]

Route to: Finance (if applicable) Date: Route to: CCO Date:

## SECTION 4 | CITY CLERK'S OFFICE (CCO)

City Clerk Office Receive and Scan Date: Number of Originals: 2

Route to CMO Date: 10/06/25 Route to Mayor Date:

## SECTION 5 | CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE (CMO)

LOG #: OCT21 Date Received: 10/6/25 Received From: CCO

To CM/ACM: ☐ R. Williams ☐ C. Cooper ☐ Y. Matthews ☒ B. Rogers

Approved Init: [Signature] 10.07.25 for continuous routing to Rickelle Williams, City Manager/Executive Director

Disapproved: Comments:

Executive Assistant Route to CCO Date:

**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE  
FY 2025 GRANT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT**

THIS AGREEMENT, is entered into this 9 day of October, 2025, by and between:

**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE**, a municipal corporation of the State of Florida, herein after referred to as "City"

and

**FLORIDA PANTHERS HOCKEY CLUB, LTD.**, a Florida limited partnership, with its principal address located at One Panther Parkway, Sunrise, FL 33323, hereinafter referred to as "Participant" or "Contractor".

**WHEREAS**, the Participant is the organizer, promoter, administrator, and producer of 2025 Florida Panthers Stanley Cup Championship Celebration ("Event"), for the benefit of the community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Panthers secured the 2025 Stanley Cup Championship and on June 19, 2025, the Beach Business Improvement District Advisory Committee ("BBID") held a special meeting where the BBID unanimously recommended approval by the City Commission of grant funds in the amount of \$100,000 to support Participant's Event, which was held on June 22, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, funds from this BBID grant will be used to reimburse and supplement Participant's expenses associated with the Event and approved by the City, and disbursed to Participant subject to and conditioned upon the satisfaction of the terms and conditions outlined herein this Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission hereby authorizes the proper City Officials to enter into this agreement ("Agreement") with Participant and finds that enhancing family activity, recreation and providing opportunities for the expansion of tourist-related facilities and activities is a legitimate public purpose for the City to support Participant's Event; and

**WHEREAS**, in partial consideration of receiving the Grant funds, as more particularly defined below, Participant agrees to broadcast the City's and BBID's support of this Event through multiple Event mediums of communication; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the mutual promises contained herein, and such other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, Participant and the City hereby agree that the foregoing recitals are true and correct, and further agree as follows;

## **I. SCOPE OF SERVICES**

### **A. Activities**

The Participant coordinated, promoted, administered, and produced the 2025 Florida Panthers Stanley Cup Championship Celebration. The Event featured a parade along State Road A1A, culminating in a beach ceremony that was be broadcasted live, marking a historic moment for Fort Lauderdale Beach.

### **B. Deliverables**

The Participant has met the deliverables for the Event, including coordinating, promoting, producing, and hosting the parade and ceremony on June 22, 2025, as described in City Commission Agenda Memorandum 25-0775 and the Beach Business Improvement (BBID) Grant Funding Application.

Further, prior to the Event, Participant provided a written detailed plan ("Promotional Plan") of all marketing and promotional activities for the Event which plan shall include a strategy and process for acknowledging the financial and other support provided by the City and the BBID for this Event. The City expects the public acknowledgement shall be included in broadcast, digital and web media, pamphlets, brochures, programs, social media and other medium used by the Participant to market and promote the Event prior to and during the Event. Acknowledgement of the City's contribution shall be included in print, social media, telecommunications, signage and telescreen during the Event as well. The Participant provided authorized representatives of the City access to the Event to verify execution of the Promotional Plan, in particular the promotion of the City and BBID's contribution, at Participant's expense, and provided such documentary evidence after the conclusion of the Event as reasonably requested by the City.

### **C. Locations:**

Parade route on State Road A1A from Riomar Street to SE 5<sup>th</sup> Street. Ceremony at Fort Lauderdale Beach Park 1100 Seabreeze Blvd, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316.

### **D. Use of Funds**

The BBID Funds will be disbursed on a reimbursement basis based upon the Participant providing supporting receipts and invoices within the deadlines set forth herein. The Funds will be used to supplement some of the cost for marketing and activation associated with the parade and ceremony events.

The City reserves the right to examine the records of the Participant. Any funds not expended during the term or for the Activities identified above, under Section I. Scope of Services, shall automatically be returned by the Participant to the City. The City reserves the right to conduct audits of the Participant, which shall be in accordance with Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards (GAGAS).



## **II. TERM AND TIME OF PERFORMANCE**

The effective date of this Agreement shall commence upon the date of execution by the last party to this Agreement. The Participant shall expend the reimbursed funds between the date of the event and September 30, 2025.

## **III. BUDGET**

Within ninety (90) days of the close of the Participant's fiscal year, a financial statement, prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, accounting for these funds and reporting upon the manner in which they were expended, shall be submitted to:

**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE**  
Aquatic Center Complex  
Attn: Beach Business Improvement District Office  
501 Seabreeze Boulevard  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316

## **IV. PAYMENT**

It is expressly agreed and understood that the total amount to be paid by the City under this Agreement shall not to exceed \$100,000 (the "Grant") and shall be disbursed subject to satisfaction of the conditions stated herein. The City shall reimburse approved costs related to the event provided invoices for payment (with all supporting documentation, such as receipts, cancelled checks, contracts and other information requested by the City) have been submitted to the City within ninety (90) days after conclusion of the event as noted in the application submitted to the City. The City has the right to deny a reimbursement request if the invoice and supporting documentation has not been submitted within the ninety-day period. Funding under this Agreement is subject to budget and appropriation by the City Commission.

## **V. NOTICES**

Notices required by this Agreement shall be in writing and delivered via mail (postage prepaid), commercial courier, or personal delivery or sent by facsimile or other electronic means. Any notice delivered or sent as aforesaid shall be effective on the date of delivery. All notices and other written communications under this Agreement shall be addressed to the individuals in the capacities indicated below, unless otherwise modified by subsequent written notice.

Communication and details concerning this Agreement shall be directed to the following Agreement representatives:

**As to the City:**  
Rickelle Williams

**As to the Participant:**  
Florida Panthers Hockey

City Manager  
City of Fort Lauderdale  
101 NE 3rd Ave, Suite 2100  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

C/O Sunrise Sports & Entertainment, LLC  
One Panther Parkway  
Sunrise, FL 33323

**With a copy to:**  
D'Wayne M. Spence  
Interim City Attorney  
City of Fort Lauderdale  
1 East Broward Blvd., Suite 1320  
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301

## **VI. GENERAL CONDITIONS**

### **A. "Independent Contractor"**

Nothing contained in this Agreement is intended to, or shall be construed in any manner, as creating or establishing the relationship of employer/employee between the parties. The Participant shall at all times remain an "independent contractor" with respect to the services to be performed under this Agreement. The City shall be exempt from payment of all Unemployment Compensation, FICA, retirement, life and/or medical insurance and Workers' Compensation Insurance, as the Participant is an independent contractor.

### **B. Hold Harmless**

Participant shall protect, defend, indemnify and hold harmless the City, its officers, employees and agents, from and against any and all lawsuits, penalties, claims, damages, settlements, judgments, decrees, costs, charges and other expenses or liabilities of every kind, sort or description including, but not limited to, attorneys' fees at both the trial and appellate levels, in connection with or arising, directly or indirectly, out of or resulting from the Participant's acts or omissions in Participant's performance or nonperformance of its obligations or services under this Agreement. Without limiting the foregoing, any and all such claims, relating to personal injury, death, damage to property, defects in material or workmanship, actual or alleged infringement or any patent, trademark, copyright or of any other tangible personal or property right, or any actual or alleged violation of any applicable statute, ordinance, administrative order, rule or regulation or decree of any court, are included in the indemnity. City reserves the right to select counsel of its own choosing.

### **C. Amendments**

The City or Participant, subject to City Commission approval, may amend this Agreement at any time provided that such amendments make specific reference to this Agreement, and are executed in writing, signed by a duly authorized representative of the Participant and, by the City Manager or designee. Such amendments shall not invalidate this Agreement, nor relieve or release the City or Participant from its obligations under this

## Agreement.

The City may, in its sole discretion, amend this Agreement to conform with Federal, State or local governmental guidelines, policies and available funding amounts. If such amendments result in a change in the funding, the scope of services, or schedule of the activities to be undertaken as part of this Agreement or has the potential of imposing additional liabilities or obligations to the Participant, such modifications will be incorporated only by written amendment signed by both City and Participant.

### D. Public Records

**IF THE CONTRACTOR HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO THE CONTRACTOR'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS CONTRACT, CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT 954-828-5002 OR BY EMAIL AT PRRCONTRACT@FORTLAUDERDALE.GOV (OR BY MAIL AT 100 NORTH ANDREWS AVENUE, FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33301 ATTENTION: CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS).**

Contractor shall:

1. Keep and maintain public records that ordinarily and necessarily would be required by the City in order to perform the service.
2. Upon request from the City's custodian of public records, provide the City with a copy of the requested records or allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in Chapter 119, Florida Statutes (2024); as may be amended or revised, or as otherwise provided by law.
3. Ensure that public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements are not disclosed except as authorized by law for the duration of the Agreement term and following completion of this Agreement if the Contractor does not transfer the records to the City.
4. Upon completion of this Agreement, transfer, at no cost, to the City all public records in possession of the Contractor or keep and maintain public records required by the City to perform the service. If the Contractor transfers all public records to the City upon completion of this Agreement, the Contractor shall destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. If the Contractor keeps and maintains public records upon completion of this Agreement, the Contractor shall meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records. All records stored electronically must be provided to the City, upon request from the City's custodian of public records, in a format that is compatible with the information technology systems of the City.

#### **E. Default**

The following events shall constitute an "Event of Default" pursuant to this Agreement:

1. The City or Participant fails to perform any covenant or term or condition of this Agreement; or any representation or warranty of the City or Participant herein or in any other grant documents executed concurrently herewith or made subsequent hereto, shall be found to be inaccurate, untrue or breached.
2. If the Participant or any endorser of the Agreement files a voluntary petition in bankruptcy or shall be adjudicated as bankrupt or insolvent, or shall file any petition or answer seeking reorganization, arrangement, composition, readjustment, liquidation, wage earner's plan, assignment for the benefit of creditors, receivership, dissolution or similar relief under any present or future Federal Bankruptcy Act or any other present or future applicable federal, state or other local law, or shall seek or consent to or acquiesce in the appointment of any trustee, receiver or liquidator of Participant for all or any part of the properties of Participant; or if within ten (10) days after commencement of any proceeding against the Participant, seeking any reorganization, arrangement, composition, readjustment, liquidation, dissolution, debtor relief or similar relief under any present or future Federal Bankruptcy Act or any other present or future federal, state or other local law, such proceeding shall not have been dismissed or stayed on appeal; or if, within ten (10) days after the appointment, without the consent or acquiescence of the Participant or of any endorser of the Agreement, of any trustee, receiver, or liquidator of the Participant or any endorser of the Note, or of all or any portion of the Property, such appointment shall not have been vacated or stayed on appeal or otherwise; or if within ten days after the expiration of any such stay, such appointment shall not have been vacated.
3. Participant's or City's breach, violation, or failure to perform any of the obligations or any of the covenants and conditions contained herein.

Upon the occurrence of any event of default, the City or Participant, as applicable, shall issue written notice in accordance with Article V and the City or Participant shall have thirty (30) days to cure such default. If City or Participant fails to cure the default within the thirty (30) days, the Agreement will be deemed terminated and the City shall declare immediately due and payable, all monies advanced hereunder this Agreement.

#### **F. SEVERABILITY**

If any provision of this Agreement is held invalid, the remainder of the Agreement shall not be affected thereby, and, all other parts of this Agreement shall nevertheless be in full force and effect.

#### **VII. SECTION HEADINGS AND SUBHEADINGS**

The section headings and subheadings contained in this Agreement are included for

convenience only and shall not limit or otherwise affect the terms of this Agreement.

#### **VIII. WAIVER**

The City's or Participant's failure to act with respect to a breach by the City or Participant does not waive its right to act with respect to subsequent or similar breaches. Failure of the City or Participant to exercise or enforce any right or provision shall not constitute a waiver of such right or provision.

#### **IX. ENTIRE AGREEMENT**

This Agreement, along with attachments, shall constitute the entire Agreement between City and Participant for the use of funds received under this Agreement and it supersedes all prior or contemporaneous communications and proposals, whether electronic, oral, or written between the City and the Participant with respect to this Agreement. No prior written or contemporaneous oral promises or representations shall be binding. This Agreement shall not be amended except by written instrument signed by both parties.

#### **X. AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE CITY MANAGER**

The City of Fort Lauderdale City Manager, or designee, shall have the authority to suspend all or any part of the Event when the City Manager or his/her designee determines that the Event, or its attendees, or its spectators, pose(s) a threat to the public health, safety, or welfare. The City Manager also reserves the right to immediately revoke permission, suspend, modify or terminate the Event or any portion thereof upon his/her written determination or to the extent any term or condition of this Agreement is violated.

#### **XI. ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

As a condition precedent to the effectiveness of this Agreement, the Applicant shall provide the City with an affidavit on a form approved by the City and signed by an officer or a representative of the Applicant under penalty or perjury attesting that the Applicant does not use coercion for labor or services as defined in Section 787.06, Florida Statutes (2024), as may be amended or revised.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have set their hands and seals the  
3rd day of September 2025.

**PARTICIPANT OR CONTRACTOR**

**FLORIDA PANTHERS HOCKEY CLUB,  
LTD.,** a Florida limited partnership.

**PHGP LLC,** a Florida limited liability  
company Corporation, as General Partner.

**SUNRISE SPORTS &  
ENTERTAINMENT, LLC,** a Florida  
limited liability company.

WITNESSES:

Nicole Meloff  
[Signature]

Nicole Meloff  
[Witness print name]

Lauren Cochran  
[Signature]

Lauren Cochran  
[Witness print name]

By:

James Suh  
James Suh, CFO

(CORPORATE SEAL)

ATTEST:

Michael Romano  
Michael Romano  
VP Finance and Accounting

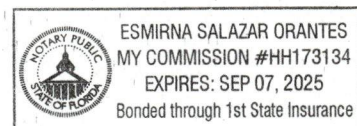
STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF BROWARD

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by means of ☒ physical presence or  
☐ online notarization, this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2025 by **JAMES SUH**, as Chief Financial  
Officer of **Sunrise Sports and Entertainment, LLC**, a Florida limited liability company,  
**PHGP LLC**, a Florida limited liability company, as General Partner, and **Florida Panthers  
Hockey Club, LTD**, a Florida limited partnership, as managing member of the General  
Partner.

Esmeralda Salazar Orantes  
(Signature of Notary Public- State of Florida)

[NOTARY SEAL]



Esmirna Salazar Orantes,

(Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public)


Personally known ☒ OR Produced Identification ☐

Type of Identification Produced \_\_\_\_\_

CITY

CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, a municipal  
corporation of the State of Florida.

  
DEAN J. TRANTALIS, Mayor

  
RICKELLE WILLIAMS, City Manager

Date: 10/9/2025

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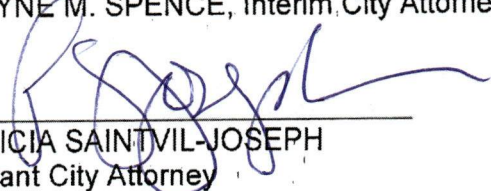
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DAVID R. SOLOMAN, City Clerk



Approved as to form and correctness:  
D'WAYNE M. SPENCE, Interim City Attorney

  
PATRICIA SAINTVIL-JOSEPH  
Assistant City Attorney