



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

#25-1085

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

FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager

DATE: November 18, 2025

TITLE: Resolution Approving the Not for Profit Service Agreement with Experience Aviation, Inc., to Launch a Pre-Apprenticeship and Workforce Development STEM Program within the City of Fort Lauderdale – \$216,000 - **(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute the Not for Profit Service Agreement with Experience Aviation, Inc., for a total of \$216,000, to provide the City-sponsored Barrington Irving Technical Training School (BITTS), at the Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport for students and adults in the City of Fort Lauderdale.

Background

The Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport is one of the top five largest executive airports in the country and supports over 23,000 jobs. As the aviation industry faces shortages, there are underutilized talent pools within local communities, especially in Fort Lauderdale. This program will provide a workforce education program that provides jobs for city residents in the aviation, automotive, and marine industries. The City's Education Advisory Board (EAB) has researched and communicated to the Commission its support for this program.

Resource Impact

Funds for this agreement in the amount of \$216,000 are available in the FY 2026 Budget in the account listed below:

<i>Funds available as of October 7, 2025</i>					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	COST CENTER NAME (Program)	CHARACTER/ ACCOUNT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AMOUNT AVAILABLE (Character)	PURCHASE AMOUNT
10-001-1447-512-40-4299	Education Programs	Other Contributions	\$242,796	\$242,796	\$216,000
				Total ►	\$216,000

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.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – FY2026 Not for Profit Service Agreement

Exhibit 2 – Resolution

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