CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo **#25-1157**
REGULAR MEETING

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

FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager Rickelle Williams

DATE: January 6, 2026

TITLE: **REVISED – CR-1 -** Resolution Approving the Consolidated Budget Amendment to Fiscal Year 2026 – Appropriation - **(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission adopt a resolution amending the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Operating Budget, and the FY 2026 – FY 2030 Community Investment Plan (CIP).

Background

Examples of recommended actions within the budget amendment are:

- transfer between funds;
- transfer between capital and operating budgets;
- transfer between capital projects;
- acceptance and appropriation of grant funding;
- appropriation from fund balance; and
- appropriation for modified revenue and related expenditures.

Staff recommends the City Commission amend the FY 2026 Final Budget and the FY 2026 – FY 2030 Community Investment Plan, by approving the following transfers and appropriations:

Information Technology Services

A. Appropriation of Fund Balance – Central Services Fund –Emergency Operations Center Command and Control Software Enhancement - $267,000 (Citywide)

FY 2026 is the first year in the City's budgeted three (3)-year Systems Infrastructure Replacement Plan. With ongoing advancements in technology, the Information Technology Services (ITS) Department has identified a more efficient and robust solution to modernize and enhance the data storage that occurs at the City's Emergency Operations Center (EOC).

The implementation of this improved solution will require an additional $267,000 to address the City's off-site systems, which provides critical support to ERP, GIS, Payroll, Laserfiche, Risk Management, Radio, Cayenta, CCMarina, LAWBase, TimeMatters, City Clerk, Engineering, the Telephone Systems, File, Print and all databases. These components fall outside the scope of the original FY 2026 allocation but remain consistent with the overall three (3)-year funding plan. This upgrade is essential to maintaining system reliability, ensuring continuity of operations, and fully optimizing the new infrastructure.

The additional funding will be used to:

- Replace the current End-of-Life VMWare/NetApp/Cisco solution
- Implement a less expensive but equally capable solution across off-site and on-site data storage with a single management plane

Funds to support these enhancements are available in the Central Services Fund Balance as the result of savings related to FY 2025 salary savings due to vacancies.

Staff recommends the City Commission amend the FY 2026 Operating Budget in the amount of $267,000 for the Emergency Operations Center Command and Control Software Enhancement.

Source:

Funds available as of November 14, 2025					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	**COST CENTER NAME**	**CHARACTER CODE/ ACCOUNT NAME**	**AMENDED BUDGET (Character)**	**AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)**	**AMOUNT**
10-581-0000-000-399-999	Central Services Fund	Balances & Reserves/ Appropriated Fund Balance	N/A	N/A	$267,000
			TOTAL AMOUNT →		**$267,000**

Use:

ACCOUNT NUMBER	COST CENTER NAME	CHARACTER CODE/ ACCOUNT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
10-581-2230-516-60-6404	Infrastructure & Operations	Capital Outlay/ Computer Equipment	$379,429	$379,429	$267,000
			TOTAL AMOUNT →		**$267,000**

Police

B. Appropriation of Grant Funding – Grant Fund – Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) State Safety Office – Speeding Enforcement Grant – $51,000
(Citywide)

In February 2025, the City applied to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) in response to a solicitation for proposals from law enforcement agencies to address traffic safety concerns within their jurisdictions. The proposed campaign "Operation Fast and Furious" focuses on reducing incidents related to aggressive driving, which can contribute to accidents involving serious injuries or fatalities. Aggressive driving behaviors include speeding, failure to yield the right-of-way, improper or unsafe lane changes, improper passing, following too closely, and failure to obey traffic control devices.

The City has been awarded $51,000 from FDOT to implement an aggressive driving safety campaign targeting identified high-risk areas. The campaign will include a combination of enforcement efforts and educational outreach. The funding may also be used to acquire speed measurement devices for the Motor Unit. No local match is required, and the grant period ends on September 30, 2026.

Staff recommends that the City Commission amend the FY 2026 Operating Budget in the amount of $51,000 to accept the Florida Department of Transportation Speed Enforcement Grant award. This appropriation is contingent on the approval of the companion grant acceptance CAM #25-1188.

Source:

Funds available as of December 8, 2025					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	**COST CENTER NAME**	**CHARACTER CODE/ ACCOUNT NAME**	**AMENDED BUDGET (Character)**	**AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)**	**AMOUNT**
10-129-9300-529-337-200-26GSPEED	FY 2026 FDOT State Safety Office Program - Speeding Enforcement	Intergovt Revenue/ Broward County - Public Safety	$0	$0	$51,000
			TOTAL AMOUNT →		**$51,000**

Use:

ACCOUNT NUMBER	**COST CENTER NAME**	**CHARACTER CODE/ ACCOUNT NAME**	**AMENDED BUDGET (Character)**	**AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)**	**AMOUNT**
10-129-9300-529-30-3946-26GSPEED	FY 2026 FDOT State Safety Office Program - Speeding Enforcement	Services/ Materials/ Tools & Equipment	$0	$0	$19,000
10-129-9300-529-40-4352-26GSPEED	FY 2026 FDOT State Safety Office Program - Speeding Enforcement	Other Operating Expenses/ Servchg - Police	$0	$0	$32,000
			TOTAL AMOUNT →		**$51,000**

C. Appropriation from Fund Balance – Department of Treasury Fund, Department of Justice Fund – Trust Fund Expenditures - $1,100,000 (Citywide)

The Police Department is requesting to allocate $1,100,000 from the Department of Treasury Trust Fund ($600,000) and the Department of Justice Trust Fund ($500,000). The Department is proposing allocations for the allowable expenses outlined below:

Department of Treasury Trust Fund ($600,000):

- New Police Department Headquarters building camera servers - $600,000

Department of Justice Trust Fund ($500,000):

- Supplemental furniture in the new Police Department Headquarters - $250,000

- Centralized inventory platform to facilitate better control of trust fund assets - $175,000
- Radios for fourteen (14) vehicles to allow hands-free operation during the deployment of the grappler technology - $75,000

Staff recommends the City Commission amend the FY 2026 Operating Budget in the amount of $1,100,000 for the trust fund expenditures.

Source:

Funds available as of December 3, 2025					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	**COST CENTER NAME**	**CHARACTER CODE/ ACCOUNT NAME**	**AMENDED BUDGET (Character)**	**AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)**	**AMOUNT**
10-109-0000-000-399-999	Department of the Treasury	Balances & Reserves/ Appropriated Fund Balance	N/A	N/A	$600,000
10-107-0000-000-399-999	Department of Justice	Balances & Reserves/ Appropriated Fund Balance	N/A	N/A	$500,000
			TOTAL AMOUNT →		**$1,100,000**

Use:

ACCOUNT NUMBER	**COST CENTER NAME**	**CHARACTER CODE/ ACCOUNT NAME**	**AMENDED BUDGET (Character)**	**AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)**	**AMOUNT**
10-109-5090-521-60-6404-P12573	Treasury Department Task Force	Capital Outlay/ Computer Software	$915,000	$0	$600,000
10-107-5080-521-60-6419	Justice Department Other	Capital Outlay/ Other Equipment	$570,000	$150,000	$75,000
10-107-5080-521 -30-3299	Justice Department Other	Services/ Materials/ Other Services	$476,000	$118,368	$175,000
10-107-5080-521-60-6534-P12573	Justice Department Other	Services/ Materials/ Other Supplies	$0	$0	$250,000
			TOTAL AMOUNT →		**$1,100,000**

Community Services Department

D. Appropriation of Grant Funds – State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Fund – Additional Program Income for FY 2024-2025 - $127,612 (District 2)

The Florida Housing Finance Corporation (FHFC) allocated a total of $1,432,920 to the City of Fort Lauderdale in State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Funds for fiscal year (FY) 2024-2025. In accordance with the City's Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC) considerations, Program Income may be used for any strategy approved in the current SHIP Local Housing Assistance Plan (LHAP), subject to Commission budgetary approval and in compliance with all applicable statutes, administrative rules, and City policies.

The City initially anticipated $50,000 in program income. However, the City received $251,238 in program income in FY 2025 from loan repayments, which allows for funding additional approved initiatives.

City House Delray Beach, Inc., is a Florida not-for-profit corporation whose primary mission is offering safe housing and vital comprehensive support services to single mothers experiencing homelessness. Headquartered in Delray Beach, Florida, the appropriation of a portion of the additional program funds in the amount of $127,612 is recommended to be used for the rehabilitation of a newly acquired property located at 200–204 NW 17th Court, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33311, known as City House Peacock, Inc.

Staff recommends the City Commission amend the FY 2026 Operating Budget in the amount of $127,612 for the appropriation of the FY 2024-2025 Program Income.

Source:

Funds available as of November 24, 2025					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	**COST CENTER NAME**	**CHARACTER CODE/ ACCOUNT NAME**	**AMENDED BUDGET (Character)**	**AMOUNT RECEIVED (Character)**	**AMOUNT**
10-130-9300-559-369-900-25SHPI	SHIP FY24-25 Program Income	Other Miscellaneous Revenue	$101,543	$360,164	$127,612
			TOTAL AMOUNT →		**$127,612**

Use:

ACCOUNT NUMBER	**COST CENTER NAME**	**CHARACTER CODE/ ACCOUNT NAME**	**AMENDED BUDGET (Character)**	**AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)**	**AMOUNT**
10-130-9300-559-80-8001-25SHPI	SHIP FY24-25 Program Income	Grant Services/ Program Income	$52,731	$52,731	$127,612
			TOTAL AMOUNT →		**$127,612**

Parks and Recreation

E. Appropriation of Grant Funds and Transfer of Grant Match Funds – Grant Fund, Parks Bond Fund – The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Program at Carter Park - $4,360,628 (District 3)

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) awards Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Program (ORLPP) funds to serve the outdoor recreation demands and needs of urban communities. The City has been awarded a grant in the amount of $2,180,314 under this program to support improvements at Joseph C. Carter Park. The all-years capital project budget for the Joseph C. Carter Park Improvements Project will be $30,789,913 after this grant appropriation.

Grant funds will be used to support outdoor recreational improvements at Joseph C. Carter Park including the playground, walking trail, fitness stations, swimming pool, splash pad, parking area, synthetic turf, and bleachers. All work must be completed in accordance with the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Program as well as local, state and federal laws, approved project plans, all required permits, and the Florida Building Code. The City may not proceed with construction of approved project elements until the Notice to Commence has been issued. The agreement requires at least a 50% City match in the amount of $2,180,314, which is available in the current project funding.

Staff recommends that the City Commission amend the FY 2026 Operating Budget in the amount of $4,360,628 for the Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Program grant for Carter Park and the associated grant match. This item is contingent on grant acceptance, which will be presented for consideration on the January 20, 2026 City Commission Regular Meeting agenda.

Source:

Funds available as of November 19, 2025					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	**COST CENTER NAME**	**CHARACTER CODE/ ACCOUNT NAME**	**AMENDED BUDGET (Character)**	**AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)**	**AMOUNT**
10-129-9300-572-334-700-P12632C	Joseph C. Carter Park Improvements ORLPP Grant	Fla Dept of Environmental Protection/ State Grant - Culture/Recreation	$0	$0	$2,180,314
			TOTAL AMOUNT →		**$2,180,314**

Use:

ACCOUNT NUMBER	COST CENTER NAME	CHARACTER CODE/ ACCOUNT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
10-129-9300-572-60-6599-P12632C	Joseph C. Carter Park Improvements ORLPP Grant	Capital Outlay/ Construction	$0	$0	$2,180,314
			TOTAL AMOUNT →		**$2,180,314**

Source: (Cash Match)

ACCOUNT NUMBER	COST CENTER NAME	CHARACTER CODE/ ACCOUNT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
10-353-6999-572-60-6599-P12632	Joseph C. Carter Park Improvements	Capital Outlay/ Construction	$28,151,000	$26,265,262	$2,180,314
			TOTAL AMOUNT →		**$2,180,314**

Use:

ACCOUNT NUMBER	COST CENTER NAME	CHARACTER CODE/ ACCOUNT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
10-353-6999-572-60-6599-P12632D	Joseph C. Carter Park Improvements Grant Match	Capital Outlay/ Construction	$0	$0	$2,180,314
			TOTAL AMOUNT →		**$2,180,314**

F. Transfer of Grant Match Funds – Grant Fund, General Fund – 2023 Urban & Community Forestry Grant Closeout - $25,000 (District 3)

As part of the U.S. Forest Service Urban and Community Forestry Matching Grant Program, funding was available to support the enhancement of urban tree canopies. This effort aligned with Florida's initiative to expand and protect tree coverage in developed areas.

The grant funds received were used to purchase and install trees at Mills Pond Park to strengthen the park's tree canopy. The project is now complete, and this budget amendment supports the grant closeout process. The agreement included a required match for the tree canopy. The required match expenses were paid for from the Parks and Recreation Operating Budget in a prior fiscal year that has since closed, necessitating this closeout budget amendment.

Staff recommends that the City Commission amend the FY 2026 Operating Budget in the amount of $25,000 to return the grant match to the General Fund where eligible expenses were incurred.

Source:

Funds available as of November 20, 2025					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	**COST CENTER NAME**	**CHARACTER CODE/ ACCOUNT NAME**	**AMENDED BUDGET (Character)**	**AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)**	**AMOUNT**
10-129-9300-572-30-3913-23GBUFFERA	2022 Urban & Community Forestry Match	Services/ Materials/ Horticultural Supplies	$25,000	$25,000	($25,000)
			TOTAL AMOUNT →		**($25,000)**

Use:

ACCOUNT NUMBER	**COST CENTER NAME**	**CHARACTER CODE/ ACCOUNT NAME**	**AMENDED BUDGET (Character)**	**AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)**	**AMOUNT**
10-129-9300-572-90-9001-23GBUFFERA	Grant Fund	Other Uses/ Transfer to General Fund	N/A	N/A	$25,000
			TOTAL AMOUNT →		**$25,000**

Source:

ACCOUNT NUMBER	**COST CENTER NAME**	**CHARACTER CODE/ ACCOUNT NAME**	**AMENDED BUDGET (Character)**	**AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)**	**AMOUNT**
10-001-9200-581-381-129	General Fund	Other Sources/ Transfer from Grant Fund	N/A	N/A	$25,000
			TOTAL AMOUNT →		**$25,000**

Use:

ACCOUNT NUMBER	**COST CENTER NAME**	**CHARACTER CODE/ ACCOUNT NAME**	**AMENDED BUDGET (Character)**	**AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)**	**AMOUNT**
10-001-0000-000-90-9901	General Fund	Anticipated Year End Balance	$0	$0	$25,000
			TOTAL AMOUNT →		**$25,000**

Public Works

G. Appropriation from Fund Balance – Fleet Services Fund – Fleet Purchase of SPH100 Aerial Platform Apparatus - $1,898,881 (Citywide)

In Fiscal Year 2023, Fleet Services ordered a Sutphen SPH100 Aerial Platform Apparatus (Fire Rescue ladder truck) for $1,898,881. Because fire apparatus typically have extended production and delivery timelines, purchase order encumbrances are generally carried forward across fiscal years to maintain the necessary funding until delivery.

During the transition from Fiscal Year 2024 to 2025, the purchase order was inadvertently closed, and the associated funding returned to the Fleet Services Replacement Fund balance.

Sufficient funding remains available in the Fleet Services fund balance to support this purchase.

Staff recommends that the City Commission amend the FY 2026 Operating Budget in the amount of $1,898,881 for the purchase of the SPH100 Aerial Platform Apparatus scheduled for delivery this fiscal year.

Source:

Funds available as of December 4, 2025					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	**COST CENTER NAME**	**CHARACTER CODE/ ACCOUNT NAME**	**AMENDED BUDGET (Character)**	**AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)**	**AMOUNT**
10-583-0000-000-399-999	Fleet Services Fund	Balances & Reserves/ Appropriated Fund Balance	N/A	N/A	$1,898,881
			TOTAL AMOUNT →		**$1,898,881**

Use:

ACCOUNT NUMBER	**COST CENTER NAME**	**CHARACTER CODE/ ACCOUNT NAME**	**AMENDED BUDGET (Character)**	**AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)**	**AMOUNT**
10-583-7070-536-60-6416	Fleet Services	Capital Outlay/ Vehicles	$14,433,389	$6,493,960	$1,898,881
			TOTAL AMOUNT →		**$1,898,881**

Utility Services

H. Transfer Between Capital Projects – Water and Sewer General Capital Projects Fund – Prospect Wellfield Electrical Studies and Testing – $53,000 (Citywide)

The Prospect Wellfield Electrical Studies and Testing Project evaluates the condition and safety of the electrical systems that support the wells, generators, and related equipment in the wellfield. The project includes assessing electrical conditions, identifying areas where safety improvements may be beneficial, and updating equipment labels. These labels provide staff and vendors with clear information on hazard levels, required protective gear, and safe working distances based on tested energy levels. Updating these labels ensures continued compliance with National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) safety standards.

Additional funding is recommended due to updated pricing under the current consultant agreement. The original scope and cost estimates were based on a previous contract that has since expired, resulting in a difference between the anticipated and actual costs needed to complete the project. After this appropriation, the total project budget will be $238,000.

Funding is available within the Fiveash WTP Electrical Voltage Upgrade Project, which was completed under budget.

Staff recommends that the City Commission amend the FY 2026 – FY 2030 Community Investment Plan in the amount of $53,000 for the Prospect Wellfield Electrical Studies and Testing Project.

Source:

Funds available as of November 21, 2025					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	**COST CENTER NAME**	**CHARACTER CODE/ ACCOUNT NAME**	**AMENDED BUDGET (Character)**	**AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)**	**AMOUNT**
10-454-7999-536-60-6599-P12294	Fiveash WTP Electrical Voltage Upgrade	Capital Outlay/ Construction	$1,640,000	$107,574.38	$53,000
			TOTAL AMOUNT →		**$53,000**

Use:

ACCOUNT NUMBER	**COST CENTER NAME**	**CHARACTER CODE/ ACCOUNT NAME**	**AMENDED BUDGET (Character)**	**AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)**	**AMOUNT**
10-454-7999-536-60-6599-P12400	Prospect Wellfield Electrical Studies and Testing	Capital Outlay/ Construction	$0	$0.00	$53,000
			TOTAL AMOUNT →		**$53,000**

City Manager's Office/Parks and Recreation

I. Appropriation of Grant Funds – Grant Fund – Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND) Grant for Replacement and Construction of the International Swimming Hall of Fame Peninsula Seawall - $4,020,769 (District 2)

The City of Fort Lauderdale and Hall of Fame Partners LLC (HOFP) entered into a comprehensive agreement in 2023 for the construction of, maintenance and operation of the East and West buildings at the International Swimming Hall of Fame Complex. The project was split into four (4) separate phases – the first focusing on the peninsula seawall and the construction of the Ocean Rescue Headquarters, the second on the west building and the ground level promenade, the third for the East building and the fourth for dock work and general site improvements. Hall of Fame Partners identified grant funding opportunities that would reduce the total project costs.

The City applied in April 2025 and was awarded a grant in October 2025 in the amount of $4,020,769 from the Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND) to fund the replacement and construction of the International Swimming Hall of Fame Peninsula Seawall. A match is required in the amount of $4,020,769, which will be provided by the Hall of Fame Partners LLC, and will not flow through the City's financial system.

Staff recommends the City Commission amend the FY 2026 Operating Budget in the amount of $4,020,769 for the grant award for the International Swimming Hall of Fame Peninsula Seawall project. This is contingent on the approval of the grant acceptance item (CAM #26-0058) included on the January 6, 2026 City Commission Regular Meeting agenda.

Source:

Funds available as of December 18, 2025					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	**COST CENTER NAME**	**CHARACTER CODE/ ACCOUNT NAME**	**AMENDED BUDGET (Character)**	**AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)**	**AMOUNT**
10-129-9300-572-334-390-P13060A	International Hall of Fame Seawall Construction/ Replacement Grant	State Grant - Other Physical Environment	N/A	N/A	$4,020,769
			TOTAL AMOUNT →		**$4,020,769**

Use:

ACCOUNT NUMBER	COST CENTER NAME	CHARACTER CODE/ ACCOUNT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
10-129-9300-572-60-6599-P13060A	International Hall of Fame Seawall Construction/ Replacement Grant	Capital Outlay/ Construction	N/A	N/A	$4,020,769
			TOTAL AMOUNT →		**$4,020,769**

J. Appropriation of Grant Funds – Grant Fund – Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND) Grant for Design and Permitting of the International Swimming Hall of Fame Peninsula Public Dock and Promenade - $250,000 (District 2)

The City of Fort Lauderdale and Hall of Fame Partners LLC (HOFP) entered into a comprehensive agreement in 2023 for the construction of, maintenance and operation of the East and West buildings at the International Swimming Hall of Fame Complex. The project was split into four separate phases – the first focusing on the peninsula seawall and the construction of the Ocean Rescue Headquarters, the second on the west building and the ground level promenade, the third for the East building and the fourth for a public dock, water taxi stop and an elevated public promenade. Hall of Fame Partners identified grant funding opportunities that would reduce the total project costs.

The City applied in April 2025 and was awarded a grant in October 2025 in the amount of $250,000 from the Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND) to fund the design and permitting of the International Swimming Hall of Fame Peninsula Public Dock and Promenade. A match is required in the amount of $250,000, which will be provided by Hall of Fame Partners LLC, and will not flow through the City's financial system.

Staff recommends the City Commission amend the FY 2026 Operating Budget in the amount of $250,000 for the grant award for the International Swimming Hall of Fame Peninsula Public Dock and Promenade project. This is contingent on the approval of the grant acceptance item (CAM #26-0056) included on the January 6, 2026 City Commission Regular Meeting agenda.

Source:

Funds available as of December 18, 2025					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	**COST CENTER NAME**	**CHARACTER CODE/ ACCOUNT NAME**	**AMENDED BUDGET (Character)**	**AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)**	**AMOUNT**
10-129-9300-572-334-390-P13061A	International Hall of Fame Public Dock Grant	State Grant - Other Physical Environment	N/A	N/A	$250,000
			TOTAL AMOUNT →		**$250,000**

Use:

ACCOUNT NUMBER	**COST CENTER NAME**	**CHARACTER CODE/ ACCOUNT NAME**	**AMENDED BUDGET (Character)**	**AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)**	**AMOUNT**
10-129-9300-572-60-6599-P13061A	International Hall of Fame Public Dock Grant	Capital Outlay/ Construction	N/A	N/A	$250,000
			TOTAL AMOUNT →		**$250,000**

K. Transfer between Operating Budgets – General Fund – Transportation to the Fort Lauderdale Scholarship Fair - $4,000 (District 3)

Infinite Scholars and the YMCA of South Florida will host the 2026 Fort Lauderdale Scholarship Fair at the L.A. Lee YMCA/Mizell Community Center. The event will feature over 40 colleges ready to meet with students, many of which will offer on-the-spot admissions and scholarships, providing a unique opportunity for students to advance their higher education plans.

The District 3 Commission Office has requested that the City support this event by providing bus transportation for students to attend the event utilizing funds from the District 3 Commission Office operating budget. The proposed shuttle service would utilize an existing City contract to provide up to 32 hours of shuttle service at a rate of $125 per hour at an estimated cost of $4,000. This support will ensure students have access to critical college and scholarship opportunities.

Staff recommends that the City Commission amend the FY 2026 Operating Budget by $4,000 to transfer funds from the District 3 Commission Office operating budget to the Parks and Recreation Department operating budget to provide shuttle transportation for students attending the 2026 Fort Lauderdale Scholarship Fair.

Source:

Funds available as of January 6, 2026					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	**COST CENTER NAME**	**CHARACTER CODE/ ACCOUNT NAME**	**AMENDED BUDGET (Character)**	**AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)**	**AMOUNT**
10-001-1030-511-30-3299	District III	Services/ Materials/ Other Services	$36,615	$33,086	$4,000
			TOTAL AMOUNT →		**$4,000**

Use:

ACCOUNT NUMBER	**COST CENTER NAME**	**CHARACTER CODE/ ACCOUNT NAME**	**AMENDED BUDGET (Character)**	**AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)**	**AMOUNT**
10-001-6023-572-30-3299	Youth Programs, Afterschool & Camps	Services/ Materials/ Other Services	$1,632,123	$1,312,535	$4,000
			TOTAL AMOUNT →		**$4,000**

Strategic Connections

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

- Guiding Principle: Fiscal Responsibility

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

Related CAMs

25-1188, 26-0056, 26-0058

Attachment

Exhibit 1 – Resolution

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