



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

#25-0998

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

FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager

DATE: November 18, 2025

TITLE: Resolution Approving City of Fort Lauderdale Fiscal Year 2026 Not for Profit Grant Participation Agreement with Museum of Discovery and Science, Inc. - \$214,800 - **(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission adopt a resolution approving a City of Fort Lauderdale Fiscal Year 2026 Not for Profit Grant Participation Agreement with Museum of Discovery and Science, Inc., a not-for-profit corporation, ("MODS"), in the amount of \$214,800, and authorizing execution of the agreement.

Background

With the adoption of the FY 2026 Budget, the City Commission approved contributions to not-for-profit organizations that support the needs of the community. The benefiting not-for-profit organization is required to execute a participation agreement that provides for amount, terms of contribution, scope of services, and standards of performance.

The mission of Museum of Discovery and Science, Inc. (MODS), is: *Connecting people to inspiring science*. MODS provides interactive educational exhibits, an outdoor Science Park, science camps, lectures, events, and documentaries. The funding will be used to provide kindergarten through fifth-grade students in nineteen (19) public elementary schools located within the City of Fort Lauderdale with access to museum and school instruction to improve long-term academic success in the critical STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) disciplines.

In addition, MODS may use any remaining funds to provide kindergarten through fifth-grade students in the City of Fort Lauderdale's Parks and Recreation camp programs with museum and camp instruction. The program will focus on improving long-term academic success in the critical STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) disciplines. Instruction will include the option of full days of interactive educational activities at each participating park, full-day field trips to the Museum of Discovery and Science, or both.

The scope of services is described in the participation agreement, attached as Exhibit 1.

Resource Impact

There is a fiscal impact to the General Fund in the amount of \$214,800 in FY 2026. Funding is budgeted and available in the listed account.

<i>Funds available as of November 6, 2025</i>					
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 Expense/Social Contributions	\$2,149,199	\$1,334,913	\$214,800
TOTAL CONTRIBUTION ►					\$214,800

Strategic Connections

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

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

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

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Agreement

Exhibit 2 – Resolution

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