

#22-0009

TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the

Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: January 5, 2022

TITLE: Discussion Regarding Expenditures Related to the Scope of Work for a Fiscal

Year 2021 Not-For-Profit Grant Participation Agreement with First Call for Help

of Broward, Inc. - \$10,000 - (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

With the adoption of the FY 2021 Budget, the City Commission approved contributions to notfor-profit organizations that support the needs of the community. At the November 5, 2020, City Commission Regular Meeting, the City Commission adopted Resolution 20-222, approving a Fiscal Year 2021 Not-For-Profit Grant Participation Agreement with First Call for Help of Broward, Inc.

The City provided First Call with a reimbursement grant up to \$10,000 to administer Bridge 2 Life (B2L) program events and related activities for middle school and high school students and their parents in the City of Fort Lauderdale, and to assist students with college readiness. With the widespread impact of the Covid-19 pandemic that emerged in our community last year, the Participation Agreement's scope of work specified funding for virtual college visits and virtual career workshop activities for high school students.

Since the state-wide Covid-19 restrictions were lifted, students were able to return to inperson activities during the grant's period of performance. First Call for Help of Broward, Inc., submitted several expenses for reimbursement consideration which do not fit squarely within the approved scope of services, including video production awards, theater rental, food, photographer, and student stipends awarded as incentives to Fort Lauderdale students for various educational competitions tied to specific tasks and performances relating to college and career paths. These expenditures were not specified in the approved scope of services, which begins on Page 1 of Exhibit 1.

The items invoiced are as follows:

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MODS Imax Theater Rental ("'VIP College and

Career Readiness' event": "Fast and

Furious 9") \$4,410.00 **Durham School Services** \$ 900.00 Bus transportation Jets Pizza Pizza for MODS volunteers 99.36 Maxs Media

Photographer 200.00

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Casseus College and Career	Scholarship workshops	\$	800.00
Zoom	Zoom March 2021	\$	154.99
Zoom	Zoom April 2021	\$	154.99
Zoom	Zoom May 2021	\$	154.99
Zoom	Zoom June 2021	\$	154.99
Zoom	Zoom July 2021	\$	154.99
Canva	Canva Pro account for interns	\$	119.99
A Concierge Life, Inc	Loomly, Facebook, WIX, Video	\$	743.58
(Student)	("[F]or a variety of B2L challenges,"		
	Including videos, social media and digital	al	
	design support, research project and		
	presentation, scholarship challenge		
	award; detail omitted)	\$1	,240.50
(Additional Student Stipends;	·		
various students)	"\$100 for completion of college going/		
	career tasks"	\$	700.00
	Grand Total	\$9	,988.38

The purpose of this Conference Meeting item is for the City Commission to provide staff with direction regarding 1.) whether certain expenditures fit within the intent of the original scope of work set forth in the participation agreement; or 2.) whether the participation agreement should be amended retroactively to encompass the expenditures; or 3.) whether the expenditures should be disallowed pursuant to the participation agreement. A decision would be made by further action of the City Commission at a regular meeting.

## **Resource Impact**

Funds for this agreement have been approved and encumbered in Fiscal Year 2021.

## **Strategic Connections**

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2024* Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:

- The Neighborhood Enhancement Focus Area
- Goal 4: Build a thriving and inclusive community of neighborhoods
- Create a continuum of educational services and support

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

## **Attachments**

Exhibit 1 – Fully Executed Agreement Exhibit 2 – Resolution 20-222

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