



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

22-0589

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

FROM: Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: July 5, 2022

TITLE: Resolution Authorizing the City Manager or their designee to Negotiate and Execute a Settlement Agreement with the Office of the State Courts Administrator ("OSCA") and the City of Fort Lauderdale ("City") for an Amount not to Exceed \$224,387 for Community Court Expenses - **(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager or their designee to negotiate and execute a Settlement Grant Agreement from the Office of the State Courts Administrator ("OSCA") for an amount not to exceed \$224,387 and execute any documents required to accept funds, between the OSCA and the City of Fort Lauderdale for Community Court expenses.

Background

The Florida Legislature appropriated \$136,387.00 in Chapter 2020-111, Section 7, Line 3229 and \$88,000.00 in Chapter 2021-36, Section 7, Line 3155 as grant-in-aid to the City of Fort Lauderdale to fund the operational expenses of the weekly Community Court sessions. The Community Court addresses the City Commission's 2022 Top Priority on Homelessness and Housing Opportunities by reducing non-violent crimes, supporting public safety, and reducing homelessness.

Through the settlement agreement, the City will seek reimbursement for 75% of salary and benefits and 100% of program expenses for an amount not to exceed \$224,387 for Community Court from July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2022. The final amount will be determined by OSCA upon the approval of expenses.

Resource Impact

There will be a positive fiscal impact for an amount not to exceed of \$224,387 for the reimbursement of Community Court expenses from July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2022.

Strategic Connections

This item is a 2022 *Commission Annual Action Plan* Top Priority, advancing the Homelessness and Housing Opportunities.

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

- Neighborhood Enhancement
- Goal 4: Build a thriving and inclusive community of neighborhoods.
- Objective: Work with partners to reduce homelessness by promoting independence and self-worth through advocacy, housing and comprehensive services

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

Attachment

Exhibit 1 – Resolution

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