



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

FROM: Greg Chavarria, City Manager

DATE: March 5, 2024

TITLE: Motion Approving a Three-Year Agreement with the School Board of
Broward County, Florida for the School Resource Officer Program -
(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission authorize the Mayor and City Manager to execute a three-year agreement with the School Board of Broward County (SBBC), Florida for the School Resource Officer Program commencing August 14, 2023, and concluding in June 2026. The Agreement will reimburse the City for services already provided and through June 2026.

Background

On December 19, 2023, the City Commission approved CAM #23-1146, a Three-Year Agreement with the SBBC for the School Resource Officer Program. In February 2024, the Fort Lauderdale Police Department received an updated agreement from the SBBC, which increased the SBBC's contribution by 5% for FYs 2023-2024, 2024-2025 and 2025-2026. The SBBC will contribute \$10,815.00 per officer per month (for ten months) in the 2023-2024 school year, \$11,355.75 per officer per month (for ten months) in the 2024-2025 school year and \$11,923.54 per officer per month (for ten months) in the 2025-2026 school year for a total amount of \$3,409,424.

The SBBC established a School Resource Officer Program in accordance with the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act. The City of Fort Lauderdale Police Department assigns ten law enforcement officers to serve as School Resource Officers at nine schools operated by the SBBC. Fort Lauderdale Department officers are assigned full-time on the campuses of William Dandy Middle, New River Middle, Sunrise Middle, Fort Lauderdale High, Sheridan Technical, Stranahan High, Seagull Alternative, Whiddon-Rogers Education Center, and two officers are assigned to Dillard Middle/High. The SBBC reimburses the same amount per officer to all participating Broward County law enforcement agencies. In addition, there is a proposal to include a re-opener that may allow for the inclusion of supervisory personnel into the agreement for reimbursement.

Resource Impact

There will be a positive fiscal impact to the City in the amount of \$1,081,500.

<i>Funds available as of March 5, 2024</i>					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	PROJECT NAME (Program)	CHARACTER/ ACCOUNT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AMOUNT RECEIVED (Character)	AMOUNT
10-001-5043-521- 342-100	School Resource Officers	Service Charge/ Law Enforcement Services	\$1,030,000	\$0	\$1,081,500
				TOTAL ►	\$1,081,500

Strategic Connections

This item is a *2024 Commission* Priority, advancing the Public Safety initiative.

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

- The Public Safety Focus Area
- Goal 1: Build a safe community that is proactive and responsive to risk.

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

Attachment

Exhibit 1 – School Resource Officer (SRO) Program Agreement
 Exhibit 2 – CAM #23-1146

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