



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

#24-0620

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

FROM: Susan Grant, Acting City Manager

DATE: August 20, 2024

TITLE: Motion Approving an Increase to the Initial Term Agreement Amount for
Board-Up Services with Belfor USA Group, Inc. - \$124,000 - (**Commission
Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4**)

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission approve an increase to the initial term of the agreement amount by \$124,000, from \$79,276.60 to \$203,276.60, for additional board-up services from Belfor USA Group, Inc.

Background

On February 8, 2024, the City Manager executed an agreement for board-up services with Belfor USA Group, Inc. The agreement was awarded for an initial one (1)-year term, with three (3) additional one (1)-year renewal options. The annual agreement amount awarded was \$79,276.60. The Development Services Department (DSD) utilizes this agreement for the securing and board up of houses and structures within the City of Fort Lauderdale after attempts have been made with the property owner to come into compliance with City Ordinances.

On April 30, 2024, DSD was notified by the Fort Lauderdale Police Department (FLPD) that The Link Hotel, located at 1055 North Federal Highway, was abandoned and left unsecure. Building Code Compliance posted the property with a 10-day nuisance notice for violation per City Ordinance and contacted the property management company to secure the property. After several communications, no effort was made on their part to secure the building. During this time, FLPD continued to respond to calls at the property for illegal drug use, prostitution, vandalism and trespassing. Due to these public safety concerns, DSD secured the property by utilizing Belfor USA Group, Inc. To pay for the services rendered, an increase to the initial term agreement amount by \$124,000 is required pursuant to the Procurement Ordinance.

Resource Impact

There will be a current year fiscal impact to the City in the amount of \$124,000 for this annual agreement increase. Funds are available in the FY 2024 Operating Budget in the accounts listed below. The cost associated with securing the building will be added to any

code liens on the property and will be recovered at a future date.

Funds available as of July 30, 2024					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	COST CENTER NAME (Program)	CHARACTER/ ACCOUNT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
10-140-3101-524-30-3226	Building Permits	Services/ Materials/ Board-ups	\$3,488,975	\$867,277	\$124,000
				TOTAL AMOUNT ►	\$124,000

Strategic Connections

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

This item supports the *Advance Fort Lauderdale 2040* Comprehensive Plan specifically advancing:

- The Neighborhood Enhancement Focus Area
- The Housing Element
- Goal 2: Be a community of strong, beautiful, and healthy neighborhoods.

Attachment

Exhibit 1 - Belfor USA Group, Inc. Agreement

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