



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

#24-1148

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

FROM: Susan Grant, Acting City Manager

DATE: December 17, 2024

TITLE: Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Approve a Grant Agreement with the State of Florida, Department of Children and Families (“DCF”) for a Mental Health and Substance Abuse Housing Program - \$250,000 - **(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to approve a FY 2025 Grant Agreement with the State of Florida, Department of Children and Families (“DCF”), accepting grant funds in the amount of \$250,000 for a Mental Health and Substance Abuse Housing Program.

Background

In alignment with the City Commission’s 2025 priority of Homeless Initiatives, the Neighbor Support Division is seeking approval for a grant agreement with DCF. DCF is a state government agency with a primary focus on improving the quality of life for individuals experiencing homelessness. The \$250,000 grant will fund the engagement of Local Service Providers to provide services to homeless individuals with mental health and substance abuse issues.

Funding will be used for facility-based treatment programs focused on improving the behavioral health and stability of individuals experiencing homelessness, helping them reduce their reliance on emergency or institutional care. The Local Service Providers will offer behavioral health treatment and recovery support services while upholding the System of Care principles, which emphasize coordinated, community-based approaches to care that are individualized and culturally responsive. The goal is to promote long-term stability and well-being for individuals experiencing homelessness in the Fort Lauderdale area by addressing their mental health and substance abuse needs.

Resource Impact

There will be a positive fiscal impact in the amount of \$250,000 contingent upon Budget Amendment Number 24-1167

Source:

<i>Funds available as of December 3, 2024</i>					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	COST CENTER NAME	CHARACTER CODE/ ACCOUNT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
10-129-9300-000-334-690-25GDCFQL	FL Dept of Children and Family - Mental Health and Substance Abuse Housing Program	Intergovernmental Revenue/ State Grant - Other Human Services	\$0	\$0	\$250,000
TOTAL AMOUNT →					\$250,000

Use:

ACCOUNT NUMBER	COST CENTER NAME	CHARACTER CODE/ ACCOUNT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
10-129-9300-519-30-3299-25GDCFQL	FL Dept of Children and Family - Mental Health and Substance Abuse Housing Program	Services/ Materials/ Other Service	\$0	\$0	\$250,000
TOTAL AMOUNT →					\$250,000

Strategic Connections

This item is a 2024 *Commission Annual Action Plan* Priority, advancing the Housing Accessibility Initiative.

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

- The Housing Focus area, Goal 2: Enable housing options for all income levels.

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

Attachments

Exhibit 1 - DCF Contract

Exhibit 2 - Resolution

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