CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo **#26-0147**
REGULAR MEETING

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

FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager

DATE: March 3, 2026

TITLE: Motion Approving a Temporary Beach License, Outdoor Event Agreement and Request for Road Closures beyond 10:00 a.m. on the Barrier Island with AIDS Healthcare Foundation, Inc. for Florida AIDS Walk & Music Festival on March 21, 2026, at Fort Lauderdale Beach Park - **(Commission Districts 2 and 4)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission approve a temporary beach license, outdoor event agreement and request for road closures with AIDS Healthcare Foundation, Inc., in substantially the form attached, and authorize execution of the agreement by the City Manager or the City Manager's designee.

Background

On May 13, 2025, AIDS Healthcare Foundation, Inc. submitted an outdoor event application for the Florida AIDS Walk & Music Festival to be held at Fort Lauderdale Beach Park on Saturday, March 21, 2026, from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The Florida AIDS Walk & Music Festival began in 2013 and continues to be held annually. The application was submitted prior to the ninety (90)-day application deadline therefore the outdoor event application fee is $200. The event impacts begin on Wednesday, March 18, 2026, and are scheduled to end on Monday, March 23, 2026, which includes the setup period, event period, and breakdown period.

The event organizer attended the January 21, 2026, outdoor events meeting to review the event details with City staff, including the Parks and Recreation Department, Transportation and Mobility Department, Police Department, and Fire Department. The outdoor events meeting focuses on operational logistics, cross departmental coordination, and event organizer requirements.

The event organizer is requesting the following special permissions that require City Commission approval:

- Request for Road Closures beyond 10:00 a.m. on the Barrier Island: Per Memorandum No. 19-076 (Exhibit 1) all outdoor events that block streets

anywhere on the Barrier Island must have all streets open no later than 10:00 a.m. The event organizer is requesting an exemption to allow road closures beyond 10:00 a.m. as indicated below and further defined in Exhibit 2:

Request for Full Road Closures		
Date	Time Limit	Requested Time
Saturday, March 21, 2026	10:00 a.m.	12:00 p.m.

- Location:
  - Vistamar Street from N. Birch Road to State Road A1A

Request for Partial Road Closures (One (1) Lane)		
Date	Time Limit	Requested Time
Saturday, March 21, 2026	10:00 a.m.	1:00 p.m.

- Locations:
  - Vistamar Street from N. Birch Road to State Road A1A
  - Birch Road from Sebastian Street to Vistamar Street
  - Sebastian Street from State Road A1A to Birch Road

City staff invited the surrounding civic associations to the outdoor events meeting as well as shared a copy of the application and site plan. Upon approval, the City's online events calendar will be updated to reflect this event.

The event agreement outlines the organizer's responsibilities, including payment of all event-related expenses and submission of the required certificates of insurance. The agreement requires the organizer to pay $500 per day for beach sand use, totaling $3,000 for six (6) days. The organizer is also responsible for obtaining all required permits and licenses from applicable agencies. Execution of the agreement is contingent upon review and approval as to form by the City Attorney's Office prior to signature by the City Manager or designee.

Resource Impact

Revenue related to this agreement, including the $200 application fee and beach sand use fee of $3,000, for a total of $3,200, is included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Operating Budget in the account listed below.

Funds available as of February 9, 2026					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	**COST CENTER NAME (Program)**	**ACCOUNT / ACTIVITY NAME**	**AMENDED BUDGET (Character)**	**AMOUNT RECEIVED (Character)**	**AMOUNT**
10-001-6025-574-	Community	Charges for Service/	$30,000	$17,200	$3,200

347-200-PKR029	Events	Nonsponsor Charges – Spec Event Fees			
			TOTAL AMOUNT ►		$3,200

Strategic Connections
This item is a FY 2026 Commission Priority, advancing the Public Spaces and Community Initiatives.

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

- The Public Places Focus Area, Goal 5: Build a beautiful and welcoming community.

This item advances the Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We are Here.

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

- The Public Places Focus Area
- The Parks, Recreation & Open Spaces Area
- Goal 2: Be a community with high quality parks and recreational facilities that highlight the character of our city.

Attachments
Exhibit 1 – Memorandum No. 19-076
Exhibit 2 – Florida AIDS Walk & Music Festival Event Agreement
Exhibit 3 – Route Map

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