



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#15-0133

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

FROM: Lee R. Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: February 17, 2015

TITLE: Annual Funding for the Greater Fort Lauderdale Sister Cities International, Inc.

Recommendation

It is recommended the City Commission approve a motion authorizing the Mayor and City Manager to execute an agreement with the Greater Fort Lauderdale Sister Cities International, Inc. (Sister Cities) to allow for the approved fiscal year 2014-2015 funding allocation of \$19,000.

Background

Since 2008, the City Commission has approved the funding allocation agreement with Sister Cities amounting to an annual funding of \$19,000. The agreement provides for the City's financial contribution to the Sister Cities programs. The City provides Sister Cities with an office, to be selected at the discretion of the City (currently in suite 1400, 101 NE 3 Avenue) for which Sister Cities pays the City a monthly rent plus pro-rata share of all expenses charged in addition by property management company (taxes, insurance, operation costs).

Serving Fort Lauderdale for more than 54 years, Greater Fort Lauderdale Sister Cities International, Inc. (GFLSCI) is a nonprofit citizen diplomacy network creating and strengthening partnerships between Fort Lauderdale and international communities in an effort to increase global cooperation at the municipal level. This Passport to the world promotes cultural understanding and humanitarian programming and stimulates economic development. GFLSCI leads the movement for local community development and volunteer action by motivating and empowering private citizens, municipal officials and business leaders to conduct long-term programs of mutual benefit. The Sister Cities program includes:

- Developing municipal partnerships between U.S. cities, counties, and states and similar jurisdictions in other nations.

- Providing opportunities for city officials and citizens to experience and explore other cultures through long-term community partnerships.
- Creating an atmosphere in which economic and community development can be implemented and strengthened.
- Stimulating environments through which communities will creatively learn, work, and solve problems together through reciprocal cultural, educational, municipal, professional and technical exchanges and projects.
- Collaborate with organizations in the United States and other countries which share similar goals.

Resource Impact

Subject to the final execution of the agreement, the City will issue Greater Fort Lauderdale Sister Cities International, Inc. a single payment in the amount of \$19,000.

| <i>Funds available as of February 6, 2015</i> | | | | | |
|---|--|---|------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| ACCOUNT NUMBER | INDEX NAME (Program) | OBJECT CODE/ SUB-OBJECT NAME | AMENDED BUDGET (Object Code) | AVAILABLE BALANCE (Object Code) | PURCHASE AMOUNT |
| 001-GEN010101-4204 | Other General Govt. - Social/ Cultural | Other Operating Expenses/ Operational Subsidies | \$19,000.00 | \$19,000.00 | \$19,000.00 |
| PURCHASE TOTAL ► | | | | | \$19,000.00 |

Strategic Connection

This item is a Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018 initiative, included within the Business Development Cylinder of Excellence, specifically advancing:

Goal 7: Be a well-positioned City within the global economic and tourism markets of the South Florida region, leveraging our airports, port, and rail connections.

- **Objective 1:** Define, cultivate, and attract targeted and emerging industries.
- **Objective 2:** Facilitate a responsive and proactive business climate.

GOAL 8: Be known for educational excellence.

- **Objective 2:** Develop strategic alliances with business associations, colleges, and universities to connect skills development with jobs.

This item also advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We are Prosperous.*

Attachment:
Exhibit 1 – Agreement

Prepared by: Bob Wojcik, Planner III, Department of Sustainable Development
Department Director: Jenni Morejon, Department of Sustainable Development