



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#17-1411

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

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

DATE: November 21, 2017

TITLE: Motion 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) for three fiscal years, FY2017-2018, FY2018-2019, and FY2019-2020 in the amount of \$19,000, subject to annual appropriations.

Background

The agreement includes a funding allocation of \$19,000 to Sister Cities for each fiscal year covered by the agreement. This is the same amount the City has provided since 2008. The City will also provide Sister Cities with storage space at a City-owned facility, on an “as available” basis and without cost. Each year, Sister Cities is required to submit an annual report, a proposed budget for the next fiscal year, and financial statements for the past fiscal year to apply for the current year’s funding. Also, Sister Cities must amend its by-laws to create a full, voting member seat on their Board for a designated City representative to apply for their October 1, 2018 funding.

The National Sister Cities International Foundation has played an active role around the world since 1956 and represents communities in many states, districts, and territories. Serving Fort Lauderdale since 1990, Sister Cities 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. Sister Cities 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

There will be a fiscal impact to the City in the amount of \$19,000 for each fiscal year of the agreement, or \$57,000 in total for the three fiscal years. The fiscal impact to the City for FY 2018 is \$19,000.

Funds available as of October 3, 2017:						
ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (Program)	CHARACTER CODE/ SUB-OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET	AVAILABLE BALANCE	AMOUNT	
001-GEN010101-4210	Other General Government – Social/Cultural	Other Operating Expenses/ Social Contributions	\$1,007,503	\$1,007,503	\$19,000	
TOTAL ►					\$19,000	

Funding for FY2018-2019 and FY2019-2020 is subject to the approval of funding allocations for each year.

Strategic Connections

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 2: Facilitate a responsive and proactive business climate.

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

Attachment

Exhibit 1 - Agreement

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