



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

**#19-0749**

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

**FROM:** Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

**DATE:** August 20, 2019

**TITLE:** Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of Grant Funds from the Florida Department of State awarded to the City of Fort Lauderdale for a “Small Matching Grant” for Architectural Resource Surveys – \$50,000 – **(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

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**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the City Commission consider a resolution authorizing the City Manager to accept a grant in the amount of \$50,000 from the Florida Department of State and execute documents required to accept the funds.

**Background**

In 1975 the City of Fort Lauderdale passed Ordinance number C-75-29 establishing a historic district zoning classification and the Historic Preservation Board to promote continued enrichment of local heritage. Since the enactment of the Ordinance in 1975, the City has worked to preserve historical sites, buildings, landscapes, structures and archaeological sites, and in 2010 became a Certified Local Government (CLG), further enhancing the City’s commitment to historic preservation.

Beginning in March 2018 and running through August 2018, a comprehensive analysis was conducted which reviewed past survey efforts and early development patterns, identified and prioritized city-wide areas for future intensive survey efforts through a reconnaissance level Architectural Resource Survey. Throughout the City there are significant examples of architecture, both from earlier eras as well as later “mid-century” or “modern” times that have yet to be surveyed, recognizing the need for further study.

In May 2018 the City submitted a “Small Matching Grant” application to the Florida Department of State, Division of Historical Resources, to propose funding to conduct intensive level Architectural Resource Surveys. The request was approved in the State of Florida’s Fiscal Year 2020 budget and is being facilitated through a grant in the amount of \$50,000 from the Florida Department of State. Since the City is a Certified Local Government (CLG), the grant does not require matching funds.

Grant funds will be used to hire a historic preservation consultant to organize and conduct intensive level Architectural Resources Surveys in the city. The survey will result in a minimum of 300 Florida Master Site File historic resource group and historic structures forms and a final survey report that conforms to Chapter 1A-46, Florida Administrative Code.

Architectural Resource Surveys primarily act as a planning tool to provide adequate data to make informed decisions, but most importantly document the city's history and contribute important data into a repository of historical information. Additionally, as a Certified Local Government there is a commitment by the City to protect its historic resources and to provide continuous improvement to historic preservation efforts, which includes the identification of historic properties within the jurisdiction.

### **Resource Impact**

This action will result in a positive impact to the City in the amount of \$50,000, which will be appropriated to the accounts below contingent upon the approval of the Consolidated Budget Amendment CAM #19-0258.

### **Source:**

<b><i>Funds available as of July 1, 2019</i></b>					
<b>ACCOUNT NUMBER</b>	<b>INDEX NAME (Program)</b>	<b>CHARACTER CODE/ SUB-OBJECT NAME</b>	<b>AMENDED BUDGET (Character)</b>	<b>AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
129- GARCHIT19- D344	Intensive Level Architectural Resource Surveys Grant	Intergovernment Revenue/ Florida Department of State, Division of Historical Resources	\$0	\$0	\$50,000
<b>APPROPRIATION TOTAL ►</b>					\$50,000

### **Use:**

<b>ACCOUNT NUMBER</b>	<b>INDEX NAME (Program)</b>	<b>CHARACTER CODE/ SUB-OBJECT NAME</b>	<b>AMENDED BUDGET (Character)</b>	<b>AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
129- GARCHIT19- 3199	Intensive Level Architectural Resource Surveys Grant	Services/ Materials/ Other Professional Services	\$0	\$0	\$50,000
<b>APPROPRIATION TOTAL ►</b>					\$50,000

### **Strategic Connections**

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

- Goal 6: Be an inclusive community made up of distinct, complementary, and diverse neighborhoods.
  - Objective 1: Evolve and update the land development code to balance neighborhood quality, character, and livability through sustainable development.
  - Initiative 2: Examine and update draft historic surveys.

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

**Related CAM**

#19-0258 Consolidated Budget Amendment

**Attachments**

Exhibit 1 – Grant Award Agreement

Exhibit 2 – Resolution

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