



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

**#19-1162**

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

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

**DATE:** November 19, 2019

**TITLE:** Discussion with the City of Fort Lauderdale's State Legislative Delegation  
– **(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4)**

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**Background**

During the October 15, 2019 Commission Conference Meeting, the City Commission directed staff to schedule a workshop with the legislators that represent the City of Fort Lauderdale in the Florida Senate and the Florida House of Representatives. This workshop is intended begin a dialog on legislation that is anticipated during the 2019-2020 legislative session and to facilitate a discussion the City of Fort Lauderdale's 2020 state legislative priorities and funding requests.

The City's adopted 2020 State Legislative Priorities is included as Exhibit 1. In addition, the City has submitted three local funding initiate requests for fiscal year 2020-2021. Brief summaries of each project are provided below for reference.

**Dorsey-Riverbend Stormwater Improvements**

***Requested Funding: \$750,000; Proposed Match: \$319,585***

The goal of this project is to reduce flooding and improve the condition of the aging drainage infrastructure along NW 21st Avenue between Sistrunk Blvd/NW 6th Street and the New River, in the historic Dorsey-Riverbend neighborhood in Fort Lauderdale. This project will use a cure-in-place methodology to rehabilitate the existing 1,450 linear feet reinforced concrete pipe and add three (3) catch basin structures in an area that currently has no inlet other than the major thoroughfare, Sistrunk Boulevard. The City has identified this as a high priority project due to the size and condition of the pipe and its impact on the roadway. The project will improve the infrastructure in the area and provide flood protection for the neighborhood, which will enhance pedestrian and vehicle safety.

**Community Court at the City of Fort Lauderdale**

***Requested Funding: \$ 136,387; Proposed Match: \$45,463***

Community Court is a collaborative effort of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Broward Courts, and several service and treatment providers including Henderson Behavioral Health. The

Community Court combines conventional punishments with alternative sanctions, on-site treatment and training to break the "revolving door" cycle of quality of life crimes by increasing offender accountability and reducing recidivism rates. The Community Court sessions provide participants with access to services specific to their needs including hygiene kits, bus passes, birth certificates, and state issued identification, in addition to access to social service agencies. The requested funding will be used to fund operational costs associated with coordinating and implementing the weekly Community Court sessions.

**Homelessness Collaborative of Broward County – Rapid Rehousing Program**  
***Requested Funding: \$400,000; Proposed Match: \$100,000***

This is the second year that the City is requesting funding for the program. Last year the City of Fort Lauderdale was awarded \$250,000. The goal of this program is to provide financial assistance and services to prevent individuals and families from becoming homeless and to help those who are experiencing homelessness to be quickly re-housed and stabilized. This program is a part of a collaborative effort of more than 40 public and private partners led by the City of Fort Lauderdale, Broward County, and the United Way of Broward County.

The City looks forward to partnering with our State representatives throughout the legislative process.

**Resource Impact**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

**Strategic Connections**

This item supports the Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2024 Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:

- The Internal Support Focus Area
- Goal 8: Be a leading government organization, managing our resources wisely and sustainably.
- Objective: Maintain financial integrity through sound budgeting practices, prudent fiscal management, cost effective operations, and long-term planning

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

**Attachment**

Exhibit 1 – City of Fort Lauderdale 2020 State Legislative Priorities and Funding Requests

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