



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

#20-0807

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

FROM: Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: October 20, 2020

TITLE: Motion Approving Memorandum of Understanding with United Way of Broward County, Inc. Accepting Grant Funds to Support the Parks and Recreation Department's Supervised E-Learning Program – \$57,600
(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4)

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission approve a motion allowing the City Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the United Way of Broward County, Inc., in substantially the form attached, for the acceptance of grant funds in the amount of \$57,600.

Background

The Learning Pod Grant was established in August of 2020 by the United Way of Broward County in partnership with other funders to address the childcare demands during the Coronavirus pandemic. The grant provides short-term funding to agencies that are immediately positioned to provide a safe and supervised e-learning environment while Broward County Public Schools' buildings are closed.

The City of Fort Lauderdale applied for grant funding to support the Parks and Recreation Department's supervised e-learning program, which consists of four learning pods operated at Croissant Park, Osswald Park, Carter Park and Warfield Park community centers. The goal of the supervised e-learning program is to support low-income families and students attending Title I schools in our City limits to ensure that no child is left behind during this pandemic. The program follows CDC guidelines to ensure proper physical distancing and COVID-19 precautions are in place to promote a safe learning environment for children. Refer to Exhibit 1 for the grant application.

The United Way of Broward County awarded the City of Fort Lauderdale a Learning Pod grant in the amount of \$57,600. The grant underwrites the cost of the supervised e-learning program for low-income and ALICE families affected by Broward County Public Schools' remote learning. Funding supports the City's four learning pod locations during the period of September 8, 2020 to October 30, 2020. Refer to Exhibit 2 for the Memorandum of Understanding.

Resource Impact

There is an anticipated positive fiscal impact to the City for the grant in the amount of \$57,600, contingent upon the approval and appropriation of the October 20, 2020 Budget Amendment CAM 20-0688.

Source:

<i>Funds available as of November 1, 2018</i>					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (Program)	CHARACTER CODE/ SUB-OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
129-GPODS20-F745	United Way Learning Pods	Intergovernmental Revenue/ United Way	\$0	\$0	\$57,600.00
TOTAL AMOUNT →					\$57,600.00

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ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (Program)	CHARACTER CODE/ SUB-OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
129-GPODS20-3999	United Way Learning Pods	Services/Materials/ Other Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$15,000.00
129-GPODS20-4385	United Way Learning Pods	Other Operating Expenses/ Service Charge - Misc Grants	\$0	\$0	\$42,600.00
TOTAL AMOUNT →					\$57,600.00

Strategic Connections

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

- Public Places Focus area
- Goal 3: Build a healthy and engaging community
- Objective: Offer a diverse range of recreational and educational programming.

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

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Grant Application

Exhibit 2 – Memorandum of Understanding

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