



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

**#20-0845**

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

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

**DATE:** October 20, 2020

**TITLE:** Resolution Approving Subaward Agreement Between Broward County  
and the City of Fort Lauderdale for CARES Act Funding - **(Commission  
Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

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**Recommendation**

Staff recommends the City Commission adopt a resolution approving a Subaward Agreement between Broward County (the "County") and the City of Fort Lauderdale (the "City") for CARES Act Funding (the "Agreement") and authorizing the City Manager to execute the Agreement and any amendments contemplated in Section 4.2 of the Agreement.

**Background**

On March 27, 2020 the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) was signed into law, providing \$2 trillion in economic relief, of which \$8.3 billion was allocated to the State of Florida. Based on population criteria, the County qualified for a direct payment allocation and received \$340,744,702 in Federal funding. The County has agreed to provide up to 30% of its Federal funding, \$102,300,000, to municipalities based on a multi-level allocation formula (see Exhibit G in the Agreement).

The City allocation is \$13,116,655, of which \$1,625,472 and \$2,339,014 are to be allocated to housing support (rent and mortgage assistance) and small business assistance, respectively. To meet the constricted timeframes in the Agreement, the City will be utilizing the County's programs for these two allocations. A copy of the County's Small Business CARES Grant Program is attached as Exhibit 2.

Eligible expenses under the Agreement are detailed in Exhibit F of the subaward agreement and include:

- Costs of testing sites;
- Emergency medical response expenses;
- Expenses for communication and enforcement of public health orders;
- Expenses for acquisition and distribution of personal protective equipment;
- Expenses for disinfection of public areas and facilities;

- Expenses for public safety measures;
- Expenses for quarantining individuals;
- Expenses for food distribution;
- Expenses to facilitate distance learning;
- Expenses to improve telework capabilities for public employees;
- Expenses for paid sick and Family Medical Leave to public employees to enable compliance with COVID-19 public health precautions;
- Expenses for care of homeless populations to mitigate COVID-19 effects and enable compliance with COVID-19 public health precautions;
- Expenditures related to the provision of grants to small businesses to reimburse the costs of business interruption caused by closures; and
- Any other COVID-19 expenditures that satisfy the CARES Act eligibility criteria.

Exhibit A of the Agreement provides the City's Schedule of Projects. Exhibits B and C of the Agreement provide the Budget and Project Timelines, respectively. The budget in Exhibit B tracks the County's initial funding allocation. The budget may be amended with approval of the County Administrator.

The Agreement ends on December 30, 2020, and all funding requests must be submitted by December 10, 2020.

### **Resource Impact**

There is a positive fiscal impact for Fiscal Year 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$9,152,169 (\$13,116,655 less \$1,625,472 allocated to housing support and \$2,339,014 allocated to small business assistance), which will be appropriated in the November 5, 2020 Consolidated Budget Amendment, CAM 20-0686.

### **Strategic Connections**

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

- The Internal Support Focus Area
- Goal 8: Build a leading government organization that manages all 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 United.

### **Attachments**

Exhibit 1 – Subaward Agreement

Exhibit 2 - Broward County Small Business CARES Grant Program

Exhibit 3 - Resolution

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