



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

**#21-0685**

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

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

**DATE** July 6, 2021

**TITLE:** Motion Approving a SubAward Agreement Between Broward County and  
the City of Fort Lauderdale for Funding of COVID-19 Non-Congregant Hotel  
Program – **(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

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**Recommendation**

Staff recommends the City Commission approve and authorize execution of a Subaward Agreement between Broward County and City of Fort Lauderdale for Funding of COVID-19 Non-Congregate Hotel Program pursuant to Section 3201 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Pub. L. No. 117-2 (March 11, 2021) for funding a COVID-19 Non-Congregate Hotel Program using the attached form as a basis, and authorize the City Manager to modify the form and finalize the agreement with terms and conditions that, in the City Manager's judgment, would be in the City's best interest.

**Background**

On April 1, 2021, the City of Fort Lauderdale, with the support from the Florida Department of Health – Broward County, established a temporary hotel housing program for members of the unsheltered homeless population who are unable to comply with social distancing requirements and recommendations included in State executive orders, the Broward County Comprehensive Emergency Order, and guidance from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) because of COVID-19.

The contracted hotel room rate is \$75 per night / tax exempt which includes an upgraded room with microwave and refrigerator. In addition to shelter, food services, 24-hour security, and case management is being provided. Routine COVID-19 testing, health care screenings and access to COVID vaccinations is also provided.

While a total of 144 individuals have participated in the program since April, there are currently 40 participants and 30 hotel rooms in use. Case Management is continuing to work collaboratively with clients to identify needs and associated referrals for continued support and transition from the non-congregate hotel housing program into various other housing assistance programs.

The City and County continue to partner on shelter placements Monday – Thursday of each week, as available.

The City Attorney's Office cautions that the agreement contains provisions that are not favorable to the City, such as indemnification in favor of the County and others under various circumstances, and a hold on collected tax revenues and fees to secure repayment of any ineligible reimbursements.

### **Resource Impact**

This action will result in a fiscal impact of \$800,000 dollars which is reimbursable by Broward County and is contingent upon the approval of CAM 21-0096.

#### **Source:**

*Funds available as of June 28, 2021*

ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (Program)	CHARACTER CODE/ SUB-OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
129-GCVHOTEL21-C327	COVID-19 Non-Congregate Hotel Program	US Treasury Pass Through Broward County ARPA	\$0	\$0	\$800,000
TOTAL AMOUNT →					\$800,000

#### **Use:**

ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (Program)	CHARACTER CODE/ SUB-OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
129-GCVHOTEL21-3322	COVID-19 Non-Congregate Hotel Program	Services and Materials/ Other Facilities Rent	\$0	\$0	\$800,000
TOTAL AMOUNT →					\$800,000

### **Strategic Connections**

This item supports the *2021 City Commission Top Priority*, specifically advancing: *Homelessness and Housing Opportunities*

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2024 initiative*, specifically advancing:

- The Neighborhood Enhancement Focus Area
- Goal 4: Build a thriving and inclusive community of neighborhoods.
- Objective: Work with partners to reduce homelessness by promoting independence and self-worth through advocacy, housing, and comprehensive services.

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

### **Related CAM**

#21-0096

07/06/2021

CAM #21-0685

**Attachment**

Exhibit 1 – SubAward Agreement Between Broward County and City of Fort Lauderdale  
for Funding of COVID-19 Non-Congregate Hotel Program

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