



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

**#21-0698**

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

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

**DATE:** August 17, 2021

**TITLE:** Motion Approving Interlocal Agreement with Broward County for Water Conservation Incentive Program at an Estimated Cost Not-to-Exceed \$365,496.66 (Five-Year Period) - **(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

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**Recommendation**

Staff recommends the City Commission approve an Interlocal Agreement, in substantially the form attached, with Broward County for continued participation in the Water Conservation Incentives Program, at an estimated cost not-to-exceed \$365,496.66 for a five-year period beginning in fiscal year 2022.

**Background**

The Water Conservation Incentives Program, branded Conservation Pays, provides education, outreach, and incentives such as rebates, for installing high efficiency toilets, showerheads, faucet aerators, and pre-rinse spray valves. The program is administered by Broward County, with participation from local municipalities and water utilities. The goal of the program is to encourage residents and businesses in Broward County to adopt water conservation that supports long-term water resource sustainability, and to achieve permanent and measurable water savings through replacement of older fixtures with newer and efficient models.

In 2011, the City Commission approved a five-year interlocal agreement with Broward County for the Water Conservation Incentives Program and extended it for another five years on September 7, 2016. Since 2011, a total of 2,268 rebates have been issued to City residents and businesses. This program has resulted in an estimated savings of more than 107.6 million gallons of water in the City, a cost of \$364,546.26. This program also assists the City in meeting the regulatory requirements of the Consumptive Use Permit (CUP), issued by the South Florida Water Management District, which requires a water conservation program.

In addition to the City of Fort Lauderdale, sixteen (16) other municipalities and water utilities participate in the Conservation Pays Program, forming the Broward Water Partnership. The Partnership has played a major role in achieving reductions in per capita water demands on our shared water resources.

### **Resource Impact**

There is no current fiscal year impact to the City for this Agreement. Future year expenditures are contingent upon the approval and appropriation of the annual budgets and will not exceed the amounts outlined below, as per the Agreement.

FY 2022 - \$71,749.67  
FY 2023 - \$72,404.56  
FY 2024 - \$73,079.09  
FY 2025 - \$73,773.86  
FY 2026 - \$74,489.48

### **Strategic Connections**

This item is 2021 Top Commission Priority, advancing the Infrastructure initiative.

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

- The Infrastructure Focus Area
- Goal 1: Build a sustainable and resilient community
- Objective: Secure our community's water supply and support water conservation

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

This item supports the Advance Fort Lauderdale 2040 Comprehensive Plan specifically advancing:

- The Infrastructure Focus Area
- The Sanitary Sewer, Water & Stormwater Element
- Goal 4. Continue to support water conservation efforts to support sustainability and extend existing water resources.

### **Attachments**

Exhibit 1 – Interlocal Agreement

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