



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

**#26-0333**

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

**FROM:** Rickelle Williams, City Manager

**DATE:** June 2, 2026

**TITLE:** Resolution Delegating Authority to the City Manager to Execute a First Amendment of Grant Agreement L0041, Fort Lauderdale Downtown Business Corridor Stormwater Pump Station Generators with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to Extend the Agreement End Date to October 31, 2028 – **(Commission District 2)**

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**Recommendation**

Staff recommends the City Commission approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a First Grant Amendment to Grant Agreement L0041 (Fort Lauderdale Downtown Business Corridor Stormwater Pump Station Generators) between the City of Fort Lauderdale (City) and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP). The Amendment extends the end date of the Grant Agreement to April 30, 2028.

**Background**

The City's low-lying topography requires a pumping system to move heavy rainfall from the downtown area into the North New River. Two (2) stormwater pump stations currently serve this area. Power outages, whether caused by severe weather, infrastructure failures, or extended storm related impacts can disrupt pump station operations, increasing the risk of localized flooding during periods of heavy rainfall. The installation of emergency generators at Stormwater Pump Station 1 and Stormwater Pump Station 2 (Project) will enhance system resilience and ensure continuous pump station operation during power outages, reducing potential flooding impacts in the downtown corridor.

On November 19, 2024, the City Commission approved the acceptance of the initial grant agreement (CAM #24-1096). The agreement provided \$175,000 in FDEP grant funding through the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024/25 General Appropriations Act to support the installation of emergency generators at Stormwater Pump Station 1 and Stormwater Pump Station 2. At the time the grant agreement was presented for approval, the estimated construction cost was \$3,004,250. Additionally, on November 19, 2024, the City Commission approved an agreement with Horsepower Electric associated with Invitation to Bid (ITB) Event No. 283 for the project improvements, in the amount of

\$2,942,250 (CAM #24-1029).

This project was initially expected to be completed by April 30, 2026, with a grant end date of October 31, 2026. However, the project experienced delays as the generators are not expected to be delivered until September 2026. The delay in ordering the generators resulted from the determination that the gas line that was planned to service the generators did not have the capacity to meet the generators' requirements. After coordinating with the utility provider, it was determined that the best course of action was to switch the generator fuel type to diesel.

City staff plan to complete the project by April 30, 2028, and recommend that the grant be extended to October 31, 2028.

### **Resource Impact**

This action will not result in a fiscal impact on the City. The grant amendment does not award any additional funds; it is only extending the end date of the grant period.

### **Strategic Connections**

This item is a 2026 Commission Priority, advancing the Infrastructure and Resilience initiative.

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2029* Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:

- Infrastructure and Resilience
- Goal 3: Be a Sustainable and Resilient Community

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 6: Ensure that all areas of the City are reasonably protected from flooding, giving due consideration to the City's natural and built environment.

### **Attachments**

Exhibit 1 – First Amendment

Exhibit 2 – Resolution

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