



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

#26-0217

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

FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager

DATE: March 19, 2026

TITLE: Motion Approving a Licensed Training Provider Agreement with the
American Red Cross - **(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission approve a Licensed Training Provider (LTP) Agreement, in substantially the form attached, for Red Cross training courses and authorize execution of the agreement by the City Manager or the City Manager's designee.

Background

Since 2014, the City of Fort Lauderdale has maintained a longstanding partnership with the American Red Cross to deliver nationally recognized aquatic safety, lifesaving, and emergency response training programs.

Florida Department of Health (FDOH) statistics state that over the past five (5) years, drowning deaths in children under eighteen (18) years of age is increasing. In 2025, per FDOH, there were 112 drowning deaths in the State of Florida.

The City of Fort Lauderdale, from 2020 through 2025, has taught over 4,400 children and adults in the Learn to Swim program, over 3,000 summer campers, and over 200 youth in Junior Lifeguarding, Lifeguard Training and Water Safety instructors. The aquatic programs are hosted at the following City facilities:

- Fort Lauderdale Aquatic Complex
- Bass Park
- Carter Park
- Lauderdale Manors Park
- Riverland Park
- Croissant Park

The proposed LTP Agreement authorizes the City to use American Red Cross curriculum and materials to offer courses such as Learn to Swim, Lifeguard Training, Water Safety Instructor, Junior Lifeguarding, Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), Automated

External Defibrillator (AED), and First Aid certifications. These programs support both citywide community programming and internal City operations by ensuring that part-time and full-time recreation staff, including aquatics, afterschool, camp, and special event personnel, maintain required certifications and safety training necessary to operate City programs safely and in compliance with industry standards.

In addition to the Parks and Recreation Department uses, the Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue Department is an active user of this agreement. Fire Rescue was added to the agreement in November 2022. Through the LTP Agreement, Fire Rescue can provide Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) training to part-time and full-time personnel who are not certified Emergency Medical Technicians.

The most recent LTP Agreement was approved by the City Commission on January 5, 2021 (CAM# 21-0038). The current agreement includes updated terms and a revised fee schedule, as further defined in Exhibit 1.

Resource Impact

Funds for this agreement in the amount of \$20,000 are available in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Budget in the accounts listed below:

<i>Funds available as of February 6, 2026</i>					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	COST CENTER NAME (Program)	CHARACTER/ACCOUNT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
10-001-6020-572-40-4119	Programming	Other Operating Expenses / Training & Travel	\$1,585,063	\$1,584,948	\$4,000
10-001-6021-575-40-4119	Ft Laud Aquatic Complex	Other Operating Expenses / Training & Travel	\$138,372	\$134,726	\$8,000
10-001-6023-572-40-4119	Youth Programs, Afterschool & Camps	Other Operating Expenses / Training & Travel	\$394,422	\$386,228	\$6,000
10-001-4002-522-40-4119	Ocean Rescue	Other Operating Expenses / Training & Travel	\$440,574	\$436,566	\$2,000
TOTAL AMOUNT ►					\$20,000

Strategic Connections

This item supports the 2029 Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:

- The Public Places Focus Area, Goal 5: Build a beautiful and welcoming community.

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

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

- The Public Places Focus Area
- The Parks, Recreation & Open Spaces Area
- Goal 2: Be a community with high quality parks and recreational facilities that highlight the character of our city.

Attachment

Exhibit 1 – Agreement

Prepared by: Jennifer Gigler, Recreation Program Supervisor, Parks and Recreation Department

Department Director: Carl Williams, Parks and Recreation