



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

#26-0459

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

FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager

DATE: June 16, 2026

TITLE: Motion Authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding between Broward Health and the City of Fort Lauderdale for Shared Use of an Ambulance
(**Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4**)

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the City Commission authorize execution of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Broward Health and the City of Fort Lauderdale for the shared use of an ambulance designated as a Basic Life Support (BLS) unit under the Coordinated Opioid Recovery (CORe) program, operated through the Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue (FLFR) Mobile Integrated Health (MIH) program.

Background

Broward Health and FLFR have maintained a strong working relationship through numerous collaborative initiatives aimed at improving prehospital care, emergency preparedness, and community health outreach. To further support these efforts, Broward Health and the City of Fort Lauderdale have established a MOU to partner in the shared use of one (1) ambulance.

Under this agreement, Broward Health will provide the City with access to one (1) fully functional ambulance. FLFR will utilize the ambulance for public health and community outreach activities, including the distribution and replenishment of approved medications for individuals experiencing opioid use disorder, as well as the restocking and refilling of publicly accessible Naloxone distribution boxes throughout the City. Broward Health will retain full ownership of the ambulance for the duration of the MOU and after its expiration. If approved, the City agrees that its self-insurance program will serve as the primary coverage for the vehicle and will assume responsibility for its care, custody, and control, including storage, parking, fueling, and maintenance.

Through this partnership, the ambulance will be utilized collaboratively to enhance public safety and expand access to lifesaving treatment and medications for those suffering from substance use disorder. The ambulance will be used to support FLFR's new MIH led Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) program, assisting individuals in initiating and/or continuing the rehabilitation and treatment process, and supporting all other department

led overdose prevention efforts.

The MOU will define the respective duties and responsibilities of both parties. Broward Health will provide the ambulance to the City at no cost for the purposes outlined in the agreement and will cover all expenses associated with installing a full vehicle wrap. If approved, the MOU will remain in effect for a period of three (3) years, or until either party elects to terminate it through written notice.

This collaboration underscores the shared commitment to public safety, community health, and the efficient use of resources. The addition of this unit will enhance the capacity of the Fire Rescue Department to deliver effective care and support to vulnerable populations throughout the City who are experiencing substance use disorder or opioid use disorder.

Resource Impact

The estimating Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 fiscal impact associated with this ambulance is approximately \$2,009. Funding is available in the FY 2026 operating budget accounts listed below.

| <i>Funds available as of May 14, 2026</i> | | | | | |
|---|----------------------------|---|----------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| ACCOUNT NUMBER | COST CENTER NAME (Program) | CHARACTER/ACCOUNT NAME | AMENDED BUDGET (Character) | AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character) | AMOUNT |
| 10-001-4020-522-40-4401 | Fire Operations | Other Operating Expenses / Auto Liability | \$15,733,609 | \$9,462,186.72 | \$542.00 |
| 10-001-4020-522-30-3801 | Fire Operations | Services/Materials / Gasoline | \$6,816,051.12 | \$1,798,312.48 | \$1,467.00 |
| TOTAL AMOUNT ► | | | | | \$2,009.00 |

Strategic Connections

This item is a 2026 Commission Priority, advancing the Public Safety initiatives.

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

- The Public Safety Focus Area, Goal 1: Be a safe community that is proactive and responsive to risks

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

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

- The Public Safety Focus Area

- Coastal Management, Community Health, and Safety Element
- Goal 4.5: Community Health and Safety. Ensure local standards and proactive measures to enhance community health and safety in the City of Fort Lauderdale.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – MOU between the City of Fort Lauderdale and Broward Health

Exhibit 2 – Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue-Broward Health Ambulance Wrap

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