



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

**#26-0567**

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

**FROM:** Rickelle Williams, City Manager

**DATE:** June 16, 2026

**TITLE:** Motion Approving an Amendment to Exercise a Second One (1)-Year Extension of the Not-for-Profit Service Agreement Between the City of Fort Lauderdale and the Miami Rescue Mission, Inc., Doing Business as Broward Outreach Center for Emergency Shelter Placement in an Amount Not to Exceed \$328,500 - **(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

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**Recommendation**

Staff recommends the City Commission approve an amendment to exercise the second one (1)-year extension (July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027) of the Not-for-Profit Service Agreement between the City of Fort Lauderdale and Miami Rescue Mission Inc., doing business as (dba) Broward Outreach Center, for emergency shelter placement in an amount not to exceed \$328,500.

**Background**

The City partners with service providers such as Miami Rescue Mission, Inc., dba Broward Outreach Center to ensure that the Police Department's Homeless Outreach Team (HOT), Co-Responder Team, Fire Rescue's Mobile Integrated Health (MIH) Team, and the Housing and Community Development Division's Homeless Initiatives Team have direct access to dedicated emergency shelter capacity for individuals who are eligible for and willing to accept services. This partnership supports the City's broader strategy of moving individuals from unsheltered conditions into stable environments where they can receive case management and work towards permanent housing.

On July 2, 2024, the City Commission approved a Not-for-Profit Service Agreement with Miami Rescue Mission, Inc., dba Broward Outreach Center, for twenty (20) emergency shelter beds reserved for use by the City of Fort Lauderdale to house unsheltered individuals who are suitable for placement (CAM #24-0613). The initial agreement covered the period from July 2, 2024, through June 30, 2025, and provided for two (2) one (1)-year term extensions. Subsequently, on June 3, 2025, the City Commission approved the first amendment to the Agreement (CAM #25-0518), extending services for one (1) additional year from July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026 (Exhibit 2). If approved, the current amendment, attached as Exhibit 3, will exercise the final option to extend the agreement for one (1) additional year, covering the period from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027.

The goal of the emergency shelter bed program is to provide short-term housing stabilization for those served along with the assistance of case management and supportive services to encourage long term stability. Individuals and families may stay for up to sixty (60) days, which can be extended if the case manager confirms an individual's or families' progress towards a housing plan. Under this agreement, twenty (20) beds are allocated as follows: eight (8) beds for males, eight (8) beds for females, and four (4) beds for families (Exhibit 1).

In addition to housing, Broward Outreach Center provides comprehensive services to individuals referred by the City, as appropriate. This includes testing individuals for tuberculosis within two (2) business days of admittance to the shelter, providing three (3) meals a day, and distributing clean clothing and hygiene products. Furthermore, individuals receive dedicated case management services with an emphasis on obtaining stability, entitlements, and permanent housing. To ensure accountability, random drug and alcohol tests are conducted monthly and/or at shelter staff's discretion, with test results included in each individual's case file.

### **Emergency Shelter Placement Utilization**

During Quarter 1 (Q1) and Quarter 2 (Q2) of Fiscal Year (FY) 2026, Broward Outreach Center served fifty-five (55) individuals, including three (3) families. The average length of stay was fifty-eight (58) days, reflecting the program's efficacy in providing short-term stabilization while participants actively work toward permanent housing solutions.

Key performance and housing metrics during this period include:

- **Income Stability:** Twelve (12) of thirty-eight (38) evaluated participants (31.58%) successfully maintained or increased their income.
- **Housing Placements:** Fourteen (14) of forty-three (43) participants (32.56%) successfully transitioned into permanent housing.

During the first half of FY 2026, the shelter maintained an average daily bed occupancy rate of sixty-five percent (65%). Because these twenty (20) beds are specifically reserved for City of Fort Lauderdale's outreach teams to facilitate immediate placement based on real-time individual and family needs, maintaining this dedicated availability is operationally critical to ensuring timely access to shelter and stabilization services.

A one (1)-year extension of this agreement is essential to sustaining the City's coordinated homelessness response. Dedicated shelter capacity provides immediate, low-barrier placement opportunities that prevent individuals from remaining unsheltered while rapidly connecting them to critical stabilization and long-term housing resources.

### **Resource Impact**

There will be a fiscal impact on the General Fund in FY 2026 in the amount of \$82,125. The remaining amount will be reflected in FY 2027 for an amount not to exceed \$246,375 contingent on future year appropriation. Funding is budgeted and available in the listed account.

<b>Funds available as of May 19, 2026:</b>					
<b>ACCOUNT NUMBER</b>	<b>COST CENTER</b>	<b>CHARACTER CODE/ ACCOUNT NAME</b>	<b>AMENDED BUDGET (Character)</b>	<b>AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
10-001-3221-564-30-3299	Homelessness Initiatives	Services/Materials/ Other Services	\$1,100,170	\$632,452	\$82,125
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT ►</b>					\$82,125

**Strategic Connections**

This item is a 2026 Commission Priority, advancing the Homelessness Response initiative.

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

- The Housing Focus area, Goal 2: Enable housing options for all income levels.

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

**Attachments**

- Exhibit 1 – Miami Rescue Mission, Inc. FY 2024 Not-for-Profit Service Agreement
- Exhibit 2 – Executed First Amendment to FY 2024 Not-for-Profit Service Agreement
- Exhibit 3 – Second Amendment to FY 2024 Not-for-Profit Service Agreement

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