



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE

APPROVED

**BUDGET ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
100 NORTH ANDREWS AVENUE
8th FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, 33301
JANUARY 22, 2020 – 6:00 P.M.**

Board Member	Attendance	10/2019 through 9/2020 Cumulative Attendance	
		Present	Absent
Brian Donaldson, Chair	P	3	0
Johnnie Smith, Vice Chair	A	2	1
Ross Cammarata	P	3	0
Jeff Lowe	P	3	0
Michael Marshall	P	3	0
Robert McGrath	P	3	0
Prabhuling Patel	P	3	0
Adam Sabin	P	3	0
Christopher Williams	P	3	0
John Xanthos	P	2	1

Also Attending

- Rob Hernandez, Deputy City Manager
- Laura Reece, Director, Office of Management and Budget
- Yvette Matthews, Principal Budget and Management Analyst
- Susan Grant, Finance Director
- Charmaine Crawford, Board Liaison
- H.J. Wicko, Prototype Inc. Recording Secretary

Communications to the City Commission

None

Purpose: To Provide the City with input regarding the taxpayers' perspective in the development of the annual operating budget; to review projections and estimates from the City Manager regarding revenues and expenditures for upcoming fiscal year; to advise the City Commission on service levels and priorities and fiscal solvency; and to submit recommendations to the City Commission no later than August 15 of each year regarding a budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

I. Call to Order

The meeting of the Budget Advisory Board was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Roll was called, and it was determined a quorum was present.

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes

A. November 20, 2019

Motion made by Mr. Cammarata, seconded by Mr. Lowe, to table the item to the Board's next meeting. In a voice vote, motion passed unanimously.

IV. Floor Open for Neighbor Input

None

V. Old Business

None

VI. New Business

A. Update on Budget Advisory Board Prior Year Recommendations Matrix

Not discussed.

B. City's Grants Program, Office of Management and Budget

Yvette Matthews, Office of Management and Budget, gave a presentation on the City's grant program.

Ms. Matthews stated the City pursued grants year-round, not based on the budget cycle. The State asked the City's needs in May, prior to the legislative session, and staff knew the Commission's budget priorities for requests.

Mr. Cammarata asked about homelessness grants and Ms. Matthews explained that the City had received \$250,000 for Rapid Re-housing and the they worked with the United Way and their partners. They had also received a federal grant the City used for the Community Court program, which the City administered itself.

Chair Donaldson asked how the City's grant status had trended over the years and Ms. Matthews explained that each year, they typically received 25-30 grants. In 2019, they

had received \$9.7 million, which was about average. Mr. Hernandez explained that the penny surtax funded projects were processed by the Broward MPO. He said Fort Lauderdale had submitted approximately 100 projects.

Chair Donaldson asked if the City considered any anticipated grant funding when going through the budget process. Ms. Reece said the City only budgeted for entitlement fund grants. Ms. Matthews clarified that the entitlement grants were not competitive and they were not included in the \$9.7 million she had quoted earlier.

Mr. Cammarata asked about the \$7 million grant for the Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA) program and Ms. Matthews described the program and said they received funding based on the number of newly diagnosed HIV and AIDS patients in the area.

Mr. Cammarata asked about infrastructure grants and Ms. Matthews said FEMA had begun using excess funds from other grants for "Mitigation Grants" that would be awarded to states.

Mr. Sabin asked how the City funded its own grants and Ms. Matthews explained that they funneled some of the grant money they received through other partners to provide services, such as United Way for the homeless initiatives.

Infrastructure Task Force Meeting Update (Walk-on Item)

Mr. Marshall provided an update on their previous meeting.

Chair Donaldson reported the Chair of the ITFC had requested a joint meeting with the BAB but he felt they would need to wait until after the Board made their recommendations on the budget.

Board members discussed the City's failing sewer pipes. Chair Donaldson felt the Board needed to ensure that the City was funding CIP projects but was unsure they needed a joint meeting with the ITFC where they may determine they needed more money but there was no more money available.

Mr. Cammarata asked if the City could use additional revenue from a higher millage rate to fund these sewer infrastructure projects but Ms. Reece explained that there were water/sewer users who lived outside the City, so the City would not use taxpayer dollars toward those projects. Ms. Reece stated the communities using the City's water and sewer were involved in the rate studies.

Mr. Hernandez explained that ideally, they wanted to keep the millage rate stable and encourage constant reinvestment and new development to grow the tax base.

Chair Donaldson noted that this was an election year and questioned whether the Commission would be inclined to implement a millage increase.

Chair Donaldson asked what would happen if the City raised the water sewer rates slightly over time to raise the funds for the pipe replacement and then the Commission voted to replace the Fiveash plant. Mr. Hernandez said the City might enter into a Private Public partnership for the new plant. He explained that the funding from the City would be paid back through the water/sewer rates.

Chair Donaldson returned to the question of the joint meeting and said he felt they should wait until the Fall. In the meantime, Mr. Marshall could provide updates. Board members agreed.

VII. Communications to/from the City Commission

None

VIII. Board Member Comments

Ms. Reece confirmed that the Commission's goal setting meeting would be on the following Friday. Chair Donaldson said he would attend and encouraged others to join him.

The Board returned to discussion of raising millage rates and fees. Mr. Hernandez remarked that "Nobody likes to raise fees or raise taxes" in an election year or not, and elected officials took these decisions very seriously. City commissions usually asked managers to identify ways to cut costs instead and managers did everything possible to avoid raising taxes and fees.

Mr. Hernandez said it was always preferable to have users of a service pay for that service so the costs did not need to be covered by millage.

Ms. Reece and Mr. Hernandez explained for new members how they went about drafting the budget and how City funds worked.

Mr. Lowe wanted residents to understand how the bond issues worked.

Chair Donaldson felt the City's biggest challenge was they must be open to another bond infusion of cash before their anticipated plan date to keep the work going.

IX. Adjourn

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.



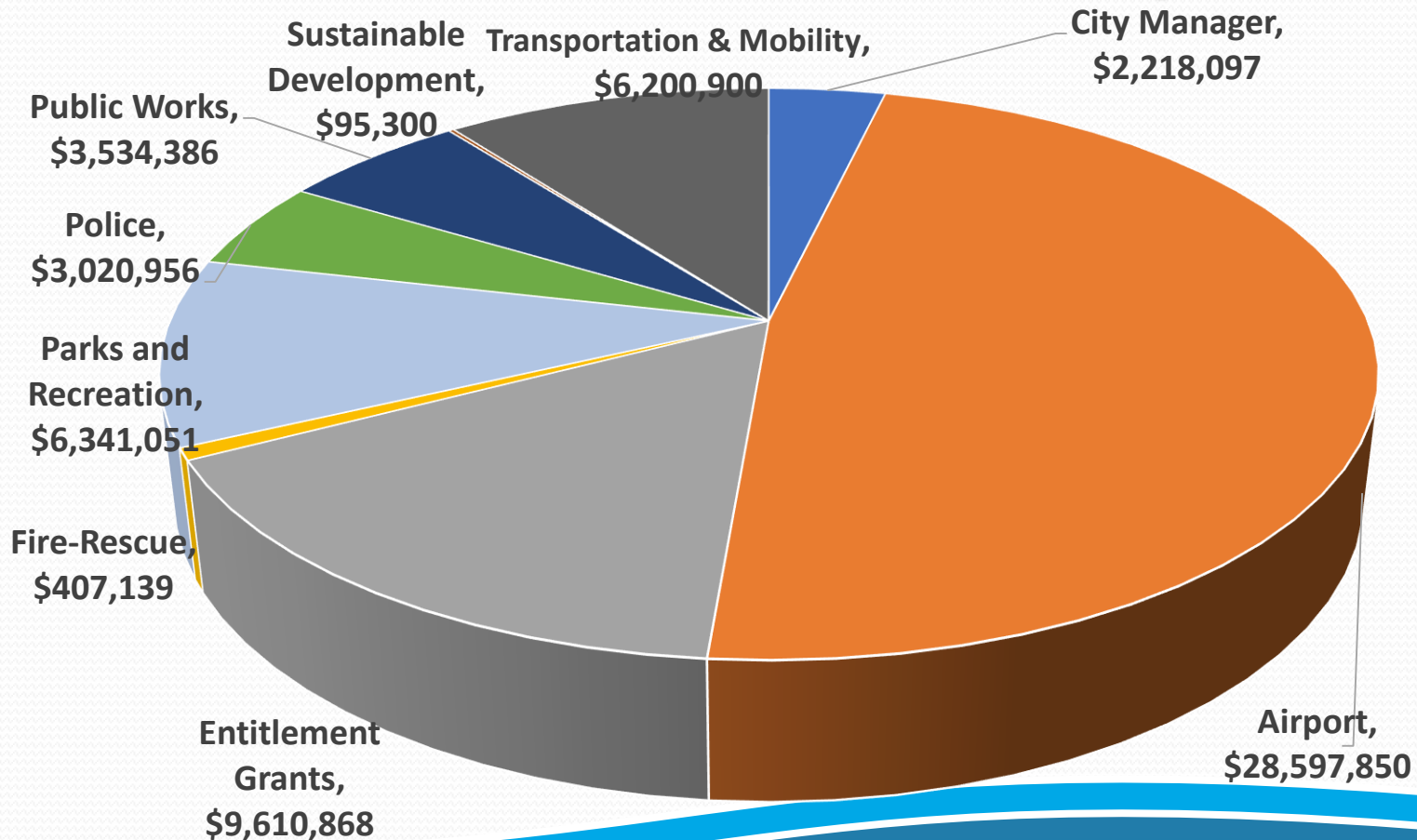
City of Fort Lauderdale Grants Program Overview January 2020

WHY ARE GRANTS IMPORTANT?

- Provides funding for enhanced programs and services
- Support the City's Strategic Plan and the City Commission's priorities
- Allows City funds to be redirected to other high priority needs such as facilities maintenance, infrastructure improvements, transportation enhancements, and neighbor services

CITYWIDE GRANTS PROGRAM OVERVIEW

GRANT PORTFOLIO – \$60M



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HIGHLIGHT OF GRANTS RECEIVED

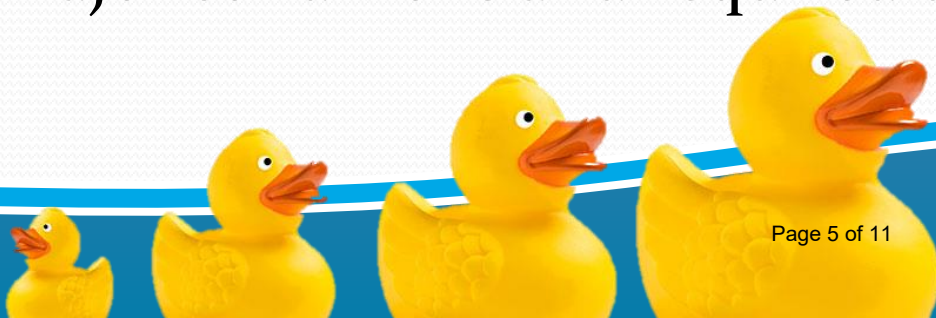
- Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Hiring Grant - \$1 Million – US Department of Justice
- Rapid Rehousing Assistance Grant - \$250,000 – State of Florida
- Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND) grants for dock replacements, boating ramps, and shoreline stabilization
- Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Planning Initiative Grant – Federal Transit Administration - \$1.25 million
- Fire-Rescue Boat and a Marine Patrol Boat – US Department of Homeland Security - \$874,312

CITYWIDE GRANTS PROGRAM OVERVIEW

GRANT APPLICATION STRATEGY

Grant Pre-Applications ensure that...

- ❖ Grant Projects (applications) have the City Manager's approval
- ❖ Grants align with the City's 2035 Vision and Strategic Plan
- ❖ The City is pursuing its highest priority projects/needs
- ❖ Current CIP funded and unfunded Project(s) are prioritized
- ❖ Major conditions and required deliverables are assessed



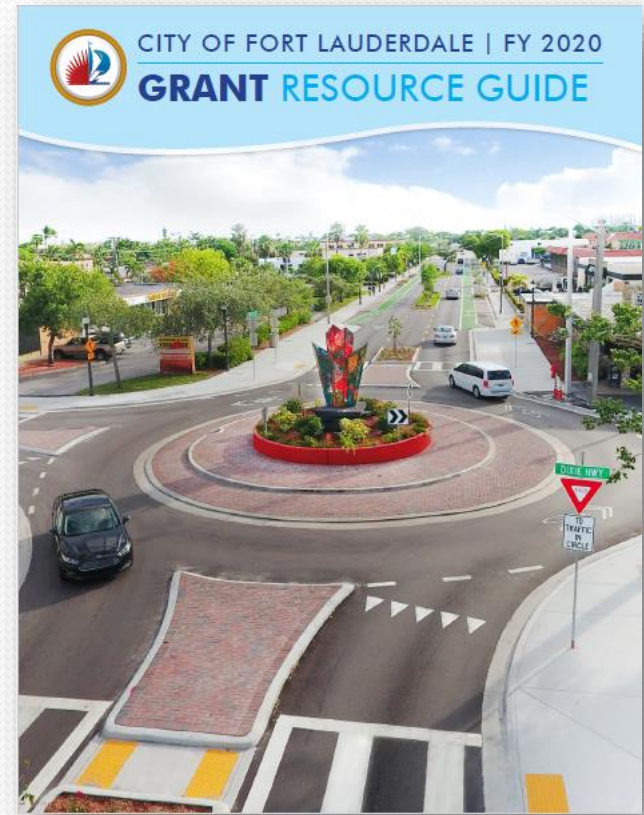
GRANT APPLICATION SUPPORT

State and Federal Lobbyists

- ❖ Obtain additional information about the grant programs
- ❖ Advocate support from Congressional delegation
- ❖ Assist with writing a large application
- ❖ Available to review application prior to submission
- ❖ Able to set-up application de-briefs for applications not awarded

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GRANTS SEARCH RESOURCES



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FIVE YEAR ENTITLEMENT GRANT SUMMARY

HCD Program Entitlement Grants	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)	\$1,470,707	\$1,475,549	\$1,459,510	\$1,580,452	\$1,554,051
HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME)	\$453,289	\$474,093	\$495,689	\$687,807	\$630,675
Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)	\$6,979,511	\$7,136,480	\$7,204,649	\$7,209,708	\$7,177,985
State Housing Initiatives Partnership Program (SHIP)	\$821,520	\$1,106,204	\$752,930	\$234,978	\$248,157
Total Entitlement Grants	\$9,725,027	\$10,192,326	\$9,912,778	\$9,712,945	\$9,610,868

CITYWIDE GRANTS PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Fiscal Year 2019 Grant Award Summary

Grant Award Status	Number of Grants	Amount Requested	Amount Awarded
Awarded* ¹	32	\$9,943,272	\$9,747,568
Pending Notification	8	\$1,352,018	N/A
Not Awarded	12	\$3,661,830	N/A
Total	52	\$14,957,120	\$9,747,568

*13 of the grants awarded during FY 2019 were applied for in prior fiscal years. The amount awarded for these grants represents \$1,675,884 of the total amount awarded.

¹ The awarded FEMA grant was not included in the total grants awarded for FY 2019.

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SOURCE OF GRANT FUNDS

Source	Number of Awards**	Amount Awarded	Grant Match
Federal	9	\$5,982,958	\$510,393
State	18	\$3,435,630	\$1,157,125
County	3	\$203,980	\$26,700
Other*	2	\$125,000	\$ -
Total	32	\$9,747,568	\$1,694,218

*The other category includes a private corporation and the Downtown Development Authority.

**Includes in-kind donations.

