



**APPROVED
BUDGET ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
January 15, 2025 – 5:00 P.M.
101 NE 3rd Avenue, Tower 101,
11th Floor Conference Room,
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301**

Board Member	Attendance	10/2024 through 9/2025 Cumulative Attendance	
		Present	Absent
William Brown, Vice Chair	P	1	0
Norbert Belz	P	1	0
Carl Berkelhammer	P	1	0
Ross Cammarata	A	0	1
Rich DeGirolamo	P	1	0
Mildred Lowe	A	0	1
Melissa Milroy	P	1	0
Prabhuling Patel	P	1	0

Staff

Laura Reece, Acting Assistant City Manager
 Tameka McGibbon, Principal Budget and Management Analyst
 Ben Rogers, Acting Assistant City Manager
 Chris Cooper, Acting Assistant City Manager
 Yvette Matthews, Acting Director, Office of Management and Budget
 Charmaine Crawford, OMB Department and Board Liaison
 J. Opperee, Prototype Inc. Recording Secretary

Communications to the City Commission

None

I. Call to Order

The meeting of the Budget Advisory Board was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

II. Roll Call

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

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes – September 17, 2024

Motion made by Ms. Milroy, seconded by Mr. Patel to approve the minutes of the September 17, 2024 meeting. In a voice vote, motion passed unanimously.

IV. Floor Open for Neighbor Input

None

V. Old Business

None

VI. New Business

a) Selection of Budget Advisory Board Chair and Vice Chair

Motion made by Mr. Patel, seconded by Mr. Belz, to elect Mr. Brown Chair. In a voice vote, motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Mr. Patel, seconded by Mr. Belz, to elect Ms. Milroy Vice Chair. In a voice vote, motion passed unanimously.

b) Selection of Revenue Estimating Conference Committee Member

Chair Brown said Mr. Cammarata had expressed an interest in continuing on the Revenue Estimating Conference Committee.

Motion made by Mr. Patel, seconded by Ms. Milroy, to appoint Mr. Cammarata to serve on the Revenue Estimating Conference Committee. In a voice vote, motion passed unanimously.

e) Board Member Budget Basics Interactive Training (*Optional*)

Ms. Reece stated this would be held on February 19 at 4 PM, prior to the next BAB meeting.

f) City of Fort Lauderdale Code of Ethics and Florida Sunshine Law

Ms. Reece advised members to familiarize themselves with the City's Code of Conduct, as well as the State's Code of Ethics and the Sunshine Law.

c) FY 2025 BAB Work Plan and Priorities Discussion

Ms. Reece referred to the work plan document she had drafted and noted they would add to it as needed over the year.

Ms. Crawford stated the Board needed to reconsider meeting dates for June and August.

Motion made by Ms. Milroy, seconded by Mr. Patel, to reschedule the June meeting to June 11 and the August meeting to August 13. In a voice vote, motion passed unanimously.

d) City of Fort Lauderdale Grant Program Update Presentation

Ms. Matthews and Ms. McGibbon provided a Power Point presentation, a copy of which is attached to these minutes for the public record. Mr. Belz asked if some of the grant funding went to the City and Ms. Matthews said the City does have an indirect cost rate

related to City operations, but did not use it because of an administrative decision to maximize the funds received to address the particular City-related function. Mr. Patel asked if the City competed with other municipalities and Ms. Matthews said they did not compete for entitlement grants, but they compete for infrastructure and some State grants. She explained how the City utilized the SAFER Grants.

VII. Communications to/from City Commission

None

VIII. Board Member Comments

Ms. Reece said the Board's recorded meeting would be posted online.

IX. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

ORDINANCE NO. C-24-42

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, ENACTING A NEW SUBSECTION 2-220 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, THEREBY ESTABLISHING A CODE OF CONDUCT FOR MEMBERS OF CITY BOARDS AND COMMITTEES, PROVIDING FOR CORRECTION OF SCRIVENER'S ERRORS, SEVERABILITY, REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City Commission to adopt a code of conduct to set standards and expectations of members of City Boards, ~~and Committees,~~ task forces and the like;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. That Section 2-220 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, is hereby created to provide as follows:

Sec. 2-220. - City Boards and Committees Code of Conduct.

Any person appointed to serve as a member of a City board or committee, which for purposes of this section shall also include task forces and the like, shall commit to the following code of conduct by written affirmation, which shall remain on file with the City clerk. The City Commission, through the adoption of a resolution by majority vote, may remove for cause any ~~board or committee~~ member who violates the following code of conduct, except when inconsistent with City Charter, general or special law. This authority of the City Commission to remove ~~City board and committee~~ members for cause shall be cumulative with any other legislation governing City boards, ~~and committees,~~ task forces and the like. The City board and committee Code of Conduct shall provide as follows:

- (a) In my capacity as an appointed ~~board or committee~~ member, I will refrain from inappropriate language including statements that are malicious, threatening, slanderous, disparaging, mean-spirited, vulgar or abusive. All disagreements, concerns or criticisms shall be framed in language that is in keeping with the dignity and professionalism of an appointed ~~board or committee~~ member and the honor of my respective City board or committee.

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- (b) I will refrain from using profanity, intimidation, making disparaging remarks, or using ad hominem attacks towards other appointed ~~board or committee~~ members, City Commissioners, the City Manager, the City Attorney, City Staff and citizens, in any setting, including, but not limited to public meetings and on social media.
- (c) I will demonstrate dignity, respect, and courtesy toward those whom I am in contact with in my capacity as an appointed ~~board or committee~~ member. I will refrain from being abusive, confrontational, disrespectful, intimidating and ridiculing to my fellow ~~board or committee~~ members, City Commissioners, the City Manager, the City Attorney, City staff, and citizens.
- (d) I understand that an appointed ~~board or committee~~ member does not manage the affairs of the City. I will not intrude into daily operations or spheres of responsibility designated by Florida Statutes, City Code, and City Charter to the City manager as the chief executive officer; or undermine the City manager's lawful authority. Further, I understand that the City manager is responsible for administering the policy direction established by a majority vote of the City Commission and not the individual wishes of ~~board or committee~~ members.
- (e) I will focus on solving problems and will maintain appropriate decorum and professional demeanor in the conduct of City business and work cooperatively and conscientiously with others as I request or receive information, examine data or weigh alternatives in the decision-making process.
- (f) I will devote adequate time for preparation prior to my respective City board or committee meetings and as much as possible, I will be in attendance at such meetings and all other scheduled events where my participation is required.
- (g) I will respect diversity and encourage the open expression of divergent ideas and opinions from fellow ~~board or committee~~ members, City Commissioners, City manager, City attorney, staff and citizens.
- (h) As an appointed ~~board or committee~~ member, I will always hold the best interests of the citizens of the City and the public health, safety and welfare of the community in the highest regard.

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- (i) All members of boards or committees which sit in a quasi-judicial capacity and have final decision-making authority, shall remain impartial on matters which may come before their board or committee and avoid the appearance of impropriety on all matters which come before their board or committee. Members shall avoid creating the appearance of impropriety by refraining from engaging in public and private discussions about specific agenda items, specific applicants or parties to a proceeding before their board or committee, or items which may come before their board or committee. ~~Members should further refrain from participating in any proceeding in which their impartiality may be reasonably questioned. A member whose personal, employment, or business relationship with a person or entity that is the subject of a matter which may come before the board or committee should disclose such relationship. The provisions of F.S. Ch. 112, the code of ethics for public officers and employees, shall govern conflict of interest situations and determinations.~~
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- (jk) I will represent the interests of the entire City when making decisions and will rely upon available facts and my independent judgment. In my capacity as an appointed ~~board or committee~~ member, I will avoid conflicts of interest and avoid using my official position for personal, professional, or partisan gain.
- (kl) I will abide by all laws of the state applicable to my conduct as an appointed ~~board or committee~~ member, including, but not limited to, the Government in the Sunshine Law, the Florida Code of Ethics for Public Officers, and City rules of procedure and codes of conduct.

SECTION 2. At the direction of the City Attorney, the publisher of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, is authorized to conform chapter, article, section, subsection, and clause numbers and letters, and capitalization, set forth in the Code of Ordinances of the

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City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and to correct any non-substantive scrivener's errors in the codification of this Ordinance without the need for a public hearing.

SECTION 3. That if any clause, section or other part of this Ordinance shall be held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Ordinance shall not be affected thereby but shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 4. That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith, be and the same are hereby repealed.

SECTION 5. That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon final passage.


PASSED FIRST READING this 3rd day of September, 2024.

PASSED SECOND READING this 17th day of September, 2024.



Mayor
DEAN J. TRANTALIS

ATTEST:



City Clerk
DAVID R. SOLOMAN

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CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE GRANT PROGRAM UPDATE

January 2025

WHY ARE GRANTS IMPORTANT?

- Provides funding for enhanced programs and services
- Supports 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

WHO LEADS GRANT INITIATIVES?



City Commission –
Sets priorities



Legislative Affairs –
Shares grant opportunities from the team of lobbyists



City Manager/ OMB –
Reviews for alignment with priorities and existing plans (e.g., Community Investment Plan (CIP), Budget, etc.)



Departments - Submit grant applications and manage awarded grants

GRANT OVERSIGHT AND COMMUNICATION



Grant Pre-application Form – Ensures alignment between City Priorities and Applications Submitted



Commission approval of each grant accepted



Quarterly FL2STAT Meetings – Provides a forum to address grant challenges and share significant grant outcomes



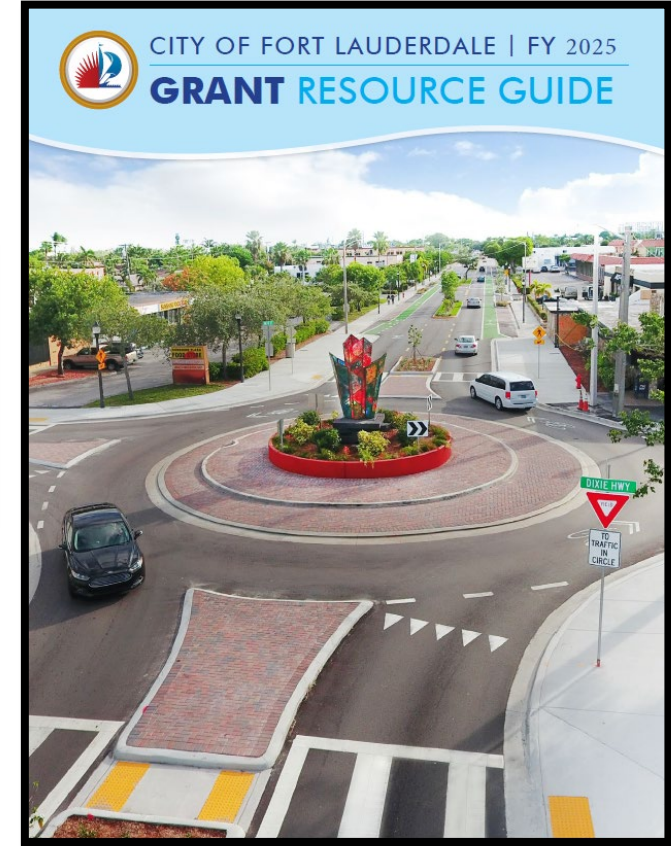
Grants Year In Review



Annual Single Audit



GRANT SEARCH RESOURCES



GRANT APPLICATION STRATEGY

- 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
- Leveraging existing funding to serve as a match for the grant opportunities
- Major conditions and required deliverables are assessed



HIGHLIGHT OF FY 2024 GRANTS RECEIVED

\$704.8K

Education Enrichment Program

Supports career-aligned academic enrichment and tutoring through afterschool and summer programs

COPS ★

*Community Oriented Policing Services
U.S. Department of Justice*

\$750K

Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS)

Partially supports the hiring of six full time sworn police officers for five (5) years

\$3.2M

Renovation of Cooley's Landing Marina

Supplements the Parks Bond resources dedicated to the demolition and rebuilding of the marina facilities



\$11.4M

Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response

Partially supports the hiring of 28 firefighters for three (3) years

FY 2024 GRANT AWARD SUMMARY

Grant Award Status	Number of Grant Applications	Amount Requested	Grants Awarded	Amount Awarded
Infrastructure	20	\$81,987,268	10	\$3,593,935
Public Safety	19	\$15,481,183	14	\$13,767,504
Public Spaces & Community Events	8	\$33,913,942	10	\$3,982,241
Historic Preservation	1	\$50,000	2	\$100,000
Education	2	\$707,836	2	\$707,836
Total	50	\$132,140,229	38	\$22,151,516

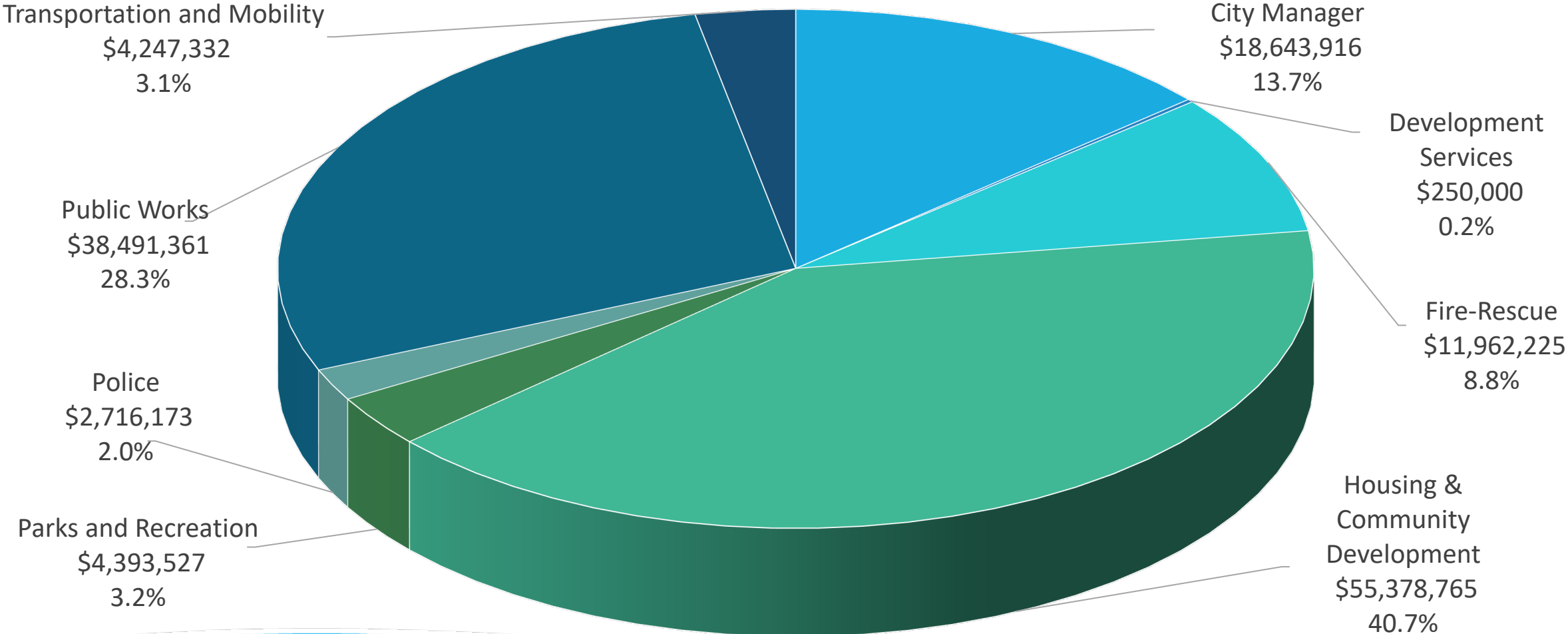
*Some grants awarded in FY 2024 were applied for prior years.

FY 2024 GRANT AWARD SUMMARY

Source	Number of Awards	Amount Awarded	Grant Match
Federal	9	\$14,022,710	\$1,184,075
State	23	\$5,327,312	\$1,543,468
County	3	\$2,291,496	\$100,000
Private	3	\$509,998	\$6,998
Total	38	\$22,151,516	\$2,834,541



ACTIVE GRANTS PORTFOLIO- \$136.1M



FIVE YEAR ENTITLEMENT GRANT SUMMARY

HCD Entitlement Grants	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025**
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)	\$1,588,589	\$1,574,113	\$1,522,029	\$1,508,053	\$1,498,833
HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME)	\$719,537	\$714,352	\$791,858	\$769,196	\$631,429
Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)	\$7,114,059	\$7,088,032	\$7,210,033	\$8,050,351	\$8,063,888
State Housing Initiatives Partnership Program (SHIP)	\$ -*	\$1,251,351	\$1,782,257	\$2,168,696	\$1,482,920
Total Entitlement Grants	\$9,422,185	\$10,627,848	\$11,306,177	\$12,496,296	\$11,677,070

*The State did not appropriate funding to the SHIP program

**Allocation for FY 2025

