



Alternative Strategies for Nonprofit Request For Donations

City of Coconut Creek



Purpose

- Evaluate options for nonprofit request for donations.
- Ensure transparency, fairness, and community trust.
- Assess cost implications and feasibility.



Options Overview - 4

- **Option 1:** Continue existing budget allocation method.
- **Option 2:** Establish a Community Chest nonprofit similar to Coral Springs or formalize a relationship with the Community Foundation of Broward.
- **Option 3:** Consultant-administered competitive grant process.
- **Option 4:** Suspend all or a portion of nonprofit funding for the upcoming budget year while maximizing charitable donations through CDBG Funding and the Seminole Coconut Creek Education Foundation.



Option 1 – Continue Existing Process

- **Pros:** simple, predictable, no extra cost.
- **Cons:** unclear metrics.
- **Estimated Cost:** \$0 additional cost to what is allocated through the budget process.

Last Year's Request for Donations

REQUEST FOR DONATIONS

Agency	FY25 Requested	FY25 Distributed	FY26 Requested	Residents Served	Cost per Resident	Recommended	Page
AREA AGENCY ON AGING OF BROWARD COUNTY	\$ 44,380	\$ 39,000	\$ 45,840	1371	\$ 33	\$ 39,000	2
EARLY LEARNING COALITION	29,250	29,000	30,040	607	49	25,000	8
WOMEN IN DISTRESS	10,000	8,000	12,500	462	27	8,000	9
FAMILY CENTRAL	6,000	6,000	6,000	75	80	3,000	13
BROWARD 211	10,000	5,000	10,000	3,227	3	5,000	15
BIG BROTHER/BIG SISTER (BIGS IN BLUE)	7,500	7,500	7,500	60	125	7,500	17
DO THE RIGHT THING COCONUT CREEK	7,500	7,500	7,500	3	2,500	7,500	18
BROWARD LEAGUE OF CITIES SCHOLARSHIP	500	500	500	4	125	500	19
FRIENDS OF N. REGIONAL BROWARD COUNTY LIBRARY	1,500	690	1,500	4,304	0.35	500	20
SOUTH FLORIDA JEWISH ACADEMY	12,050	4,500	12,050	700	17	4,500	25
SOS CHILDREN'S VILLAGES FLORIDA	10,000	3,330	10,000	79	127	5,000	27
FARM SHARE	50,000	-	50,000	-	N/A	-	29
MEALS ON WHEELS	25,000	-	115,000	88	1,307	1,825	31
GOODMAN JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES	50,000	-	25,000	150	167	1,825	33
TOMORROW'S RAINBOW	20,000	3,000	10,000	34	294	3,000	35
COCONUT CREEK LITTLE LEAGUE	5,000	1,500	5,000	250	20	1,500	36
COCONUT CREEK MULTICULTURAL CIRCLE	5,220	780	5,730	-	N/A	780	37
THE WOMEN'S CLUB OF COCONUT CREEK	24,480	5,980	14,600	35	417	5,980	40
SWEET DREAM MAKERS	-	-	10,400	32	325	1,000	43
GREATER FORT LAUDERDALE DIAPER BANK	-	-	5,000	33	152	1,000	44
LIGHTHOUSE OF BROWARD	-	-	5,000	70	71	1,000	51
MUSEUM OF DISCOVERY AND SCIENCE	-	-	10,000	2,000	5	-	54
THE FOUNDATION FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING	-	-	10,000	57	175	1,000	56
OTHER DONATIONS TBD	-	2,130	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL COMMISSION DONATIONS:	\$ 318,380	\$ 124,410	\$ 409,160			\$ 124,410	



Option 2 – Community Chest Concept

- **Pros:** community engagement, diversified funding.
- **Cons:** requires resources, volunteers, and effort; potential conflicts remain.
- **Estimated Cost (Community Chest):** \$10,000–\$25,000 annually (admin & marketing). This cost would be the responsibility of the newly-established nonprofit. The City would provide a donation directly to Community Chest.
- *Another Potential Option is to partner with the Community Foundation of Broward. Some Broward cities contract directly with the Community Foundation of Broward to support philanthropic initiatives in their respective communities. This partnership would be in the form of a direct contribution (endowed charitable fund).




Option 3 – Consultant-Administered Grants

- **Pros:** independent evaluation, transparency, fairness.
- **Cons:** higher cost for consultant services. The cost benefit does not make this a viable option.
- **Estimated Cost:** \$35,000–\$50,000 annually. This represents consultant fees and does not include funding for the actual grant program.



Option 4 – Suspend or Reduce Funding

- Suspend all or a portion of nonprofit funding for the upcoming budget year while maximizing charitable donations through CDBG Funding and the Seminole Coconut Creek Education Foundation.
- **Pros:** The City may expend up to 15% of its annual CDBG allocation on public service activities. For Coconut Creek, 15% of the CDBG allocation amounts to approximately \$60,000 annually.
- **Cons:** Public Services programs can be administered by nonprofit organizations but activities are somewhat limited. These activities must meet a CDBG national objective—primarily benefiting low and moderate income residents—and fall within HUD's eligible activity categories. Common eligible nonprofit-run activities include shelter and homeless services, food security programs, housing rehabilitation assistance, job training and employment programs, youth and after-school services, domestic violence and crisis assistance, housing counseling, senior services, and certain community facility improvements that primarily serve low-income residents.



Option 4 – Suspend or Reduce Funding

- Approximately \$250,000 per year is paid directly to the Seminole Coconut Creek Education Foundation to provide after school tutoring programs for elementary students, college test preparation courses for high school students, college academic and leadership scholarships, or other educational programs that the trust decides benefit the residents and students of Coconut Creek public schools.
- **Pros:** Streamlined approach to increase funding to the foundation with the intent to expand beneficial education programs, including scholarships for our residents.
- **Cons:** Activities would be limited to those described above.



Discussion

- Discussion of various options
- A combination of options is feasible
- Once again, priority must be placed on transparency, fairness, and community trust
- Impact of Property Tax Reform