

Title: Orlando Community and Youth Trust (OCYT) Funding Agreement with the Department of Children and Families (DCF)

Meeting Date: February 9, 2026

Section: Families, Parks and Recreation

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District: 5, 6

Fiscal Impact: See Summary

Summary: The Orlando Community & Youth Trust (OCYT) has received funding from the Department of Children and Families (DCF) through Florida Children's Initiative (FCI), an initiative modeled after the nationally recognized Harlem Children's Zone. Established by the Florida Legislature in 2008, FCI designates specific communities for targeted investment and support, with the Ounce of Prevention Fund of Florida responsible for reviewing and approving requests for designation in accordance with Florida Statute 409.147.

As a result of this contract, OCYT will allocate funding to the City of Orlando's Families, Parks, and Recreation Department to support the hiring of Student Advocates and Job Coaches for Parramore/Holden Heights Kidz Zones. These positions are critical to advancing the initiative's cradle-to-career framework and ensuring youth in these neighborhoods have access to individualized guidance, workforce readiness, and long-term pathways to success. This is to reconcile city to state fiscal year. There is no fiscal impact.

Recommended Action: Approve Subrecipient Agreement between City of Orlando and Orlando Community and Youth Trust (OCYT) and authorize Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem and City Clerk to execute the same, subject to review and approval by the City Attorney's Office.