



CITY COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

DEPARTMENT: Commission

DATE: December 9, 2025

SUBJECT: Discussion and possible action to host a Cooper City Non-Profit Expo –
Commissioner Katzman

RECOMMENDATION:

A Cooper City Non-Profit Expo would create a meaningful opportunity to highlight the incredible organizations that serve our community and connect them directly with residents who can benefit from their services—or who are looking for ways to give back. By hosting this event, Cooper City can help strengthen partnerships, increase volunteerism, and raise awareness of vital programs in areas such as youth development, senior support, mental health, public safety, and more. This initiative would not only showcase the positive impact of local non-profits but also reinforce Cooper City's commitment to fostering a connected, compassionate, and engaged community.

BRIEF OUTLINE FOR CITY COMMISSION DIRECTION:

1. **Purpose of the Expo**
 - Highlight local non-profits actively serving or connected to Cooper City
 - Increase visibility of available community services and resources
 - Connect residents with volunteer opportunities and meaningful ways to engage
2. **Benefits to Cooper City**
 - Strengthens community partnerships and civic engagement
 - Helps residents access valuable programs addressing real needs
 - Encourages volunteerism (great for high school students and others) and supports organizations that improve quality of life
 - Enhances Cooper City's role as a convener and community leader
3. **Proposed Scope & Structure**
 - One-day event hosted at a City facility (e.g., Community Center or park)
 - Booths or stations for each participating non-profit
 - Optional short presentations, demonstrations, or service showcases
 - Opportunities for volunteers to participate in service projects on site (packing care bags, making cards for hospitalized children or veterans, etc.)
 - Inclusion of youth, senior, health, and special-interest organizations
4. **Staff Direction**
 - Identify eligible non-profits and create participation criteria
 - Develop timeline, logistics, and marketing plan
 - Present event framework and cost estimates to the Commission
5. **Desired Outcome**

- Commission consensus to direct staff to design the Cooper City Non-Profit Expo and return with a detailed implementation plan.