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AGENDA REPORT

MEETING: SPECIAL CALL BUDGET WORK SESSION, MAY 13, 2026

AGENDA CATEGORY: COUNCIL BUSINESS

Item:	Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Work Day
Department:	Finance
Date of Meeting:	Wednesday, May 13, 2026
Fiscal Impact:	n/a
Presented By:	Keith Lee, Chief Financial Officer
Action Requested:	Discuss LAC, FIRST Center, ReCAST

Summary: The FY 2027 Proposed Budget discussion includes updates and funding considerations for the Lawrenceville Arts Center (LAC), ReCAST program continuation, and FIRST Center operations. The LAC budget is designed to support operational stabilization and reflects a transition from maintaining the facility to actively operating it as a programmed arts and events venue, with increased emphasis on programming, patron services, technical operations, event execution, staffing, custodial support, ticketing and patron services technology, and development of an FY 2028 business plan. Proposed LAC programming includes America 250 programming, anchor events, comedy, jazz, and live performance series, lobby openers, workshops, and gallery curation.

The FY 2027 ReCAST budget reflects the end of grant funding after September 2026 and identifies continued programming, discontinued programming, and transition strategies. Continued efforts include selected youth programming, community workshops, partnerships, violence prevention and trauma-informed training, Lawrenceville Response Center temporary housing vouchers, personnel, and administrative fees. Discontinued items include operational subrecipient funding after the grant period, the ReCAST Advisory Board, and the DiverCITY Committee, with certain functions transitioning to other City boards or staff training efforts.

The FIRST Center update reports that the program officially opened on March 4, 2026, has served three participants to date, and currently has two active participants, both of whom have obtained employment since enrollment. The program is providing coordinated support services, including case management, clinical services, community partner services, and food assistance. The City is

also supporting continued program development, use of the IEC at 10 Water Works Road for enrichment activities, site improvements, data and reporting enhancements, and pursuit of a BJA grant opportunity with Impact46 to support continued and expanded program services.

Fiscal Impact: N/A

Attachments/Exhibits:

- 1) FY 2027 Proposed Budget May 13 Work Day.pptx