

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



**FROM:** Supervisor Roy Wilson

**SUBMITTAL DATE:** June 30, 2009

**SUBJECT:** Fourth District Use of Community Improvement Designation Funds (CIDF)

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approves the use of Community Improvement funds for the Soldiers Organized Services 501© 3.

C/O Erica Stone  
57539 Santa Rosa Trail  
La Quinta, CA 92253

2. Approves and directs the Auditor-Controller to make the following budget adjustments:

Increase Appropriations: 10000-1000100000-536200	Contributions to Non County Agency	\$ 12,000.00
Decrease Board Designation: 10000-1000100000-320135	Community Improvement	\$ 12,000.00

Roy Wilson, Fourth District Supervisor

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Consent

Per Exec. Ofc.:

Prev. Agn. Ref.:

District: 4

Agenda Number:

3.80

**Form 11**  
**Fourth District Use of Community Improvement Designation Funds**  
**June 30, 2009**

**BACKGROUND:**

Soldiers Organized Services (SOS), a non-profit organization, has been providing transportation for service men and women arriving at Palm Springs International Airport since May 2007. Many of these trips are to the 29 Palms Marine Base on the high desert, a round trip of approximately 100 miles. To date, more than 6,000 troops have benefitted from this service. While volunteers provide the vehicles, funds are needed to purchase gasoline for these volunteers, many of whom are Korean or Vietnam War veterans on fixed incomes. SOS Founder Erica Stone estimates expenses at between \$5,000 and \$7,000 a month, mainly for fuel. The variations occur because of the natural fluctuations of the movement of troops, holidays, etc. There is an anticipated critical shortfall during the upcoming July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday.

The economic situation is rough these days for everyone. A \$1,000 per month donation to SOS for the coming year, in order to help out traveling soldiers seems like a good way to spend limited resources.

We would like to use Fourth District Community Improvement Designation funds to support this worthwhile activity