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



ITEM: 3.7 (ID # 18103)

MEETING DATE:

Tuesday, December 13, 2022

FROM: AUDITOR CONTROLLER:

SUBJECT: AUDITOR-CONTROLLER: Approval to increase professional service agreement for consultant tax services between the County of Riverside and Equity Recovery Solutions, Inc. All Districts. [\$250,000 -Department Budget General Fund 100%]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve budget adjustment based on attachment A

ACTION:Policy

Tanya Harris Ssistant Auditor Controller

1/20/2022

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Washington, seconded by Supervisor Spiegel and duly carried, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes:

Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington, and Hewitt

Nays:

None

Absent:

Perez

Date:

December 13, 2022

XC:

Auditor

By Deputy

Kecia R. Harper

Clerk of the Board

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:		Next Fiscal Year:		Total Cost:		Ongoing Cost		
COST	\$	250,000	\$	0		\$	250,000	\$	0
NET COUNTY COST	\$	0	\$	0		\$	0	\$	0
SOURCE OF FUNDS: Department Budget General Fund (100%) Budget Adjustment:						Yes			
Department Budget General Fund (100%)					For Fiscal Year: 21/22				

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE

BACKGROUND:

Summary

The Auditor-Controller's Office is responsible for the payment of sales and use tax and goes through a sale and use tax audit that is performed by the State Board of Equalization (BOE). Therefore, the Auditor-Controller requires the services of a consultant tax auditor to review all applicable records and pursue any overpaid tax to the State on taxable purchases. Based on the findings from the BOE, Equity Recovery Solutions reviews and verifies if the liability to the State can be reduced, eliminated, or recover funds back to the County.

The contract with Equity Recovery Solutions also includes a training aspect for County employees on how to detect possible overpayments in the future. The current service under contract ID #ACARC-94682-001-06/24 is effective through June 30, 2024.

Impact on Residents and Businesses

There is no impact to the Citizens.

SUPPLEMENTAL:

Additional Fiscal Information

Equity Recovery Solutions, Inc. has recovered and claimed refunds from the applicable taxing authority on behalf of the County of Riverside; as such, the recovered funds will be used to compensate Equity Recovery Solutions, Inc. for their services, which requires a budget adjustment because they have been able to recover more funds than in the past. This budget adjustment requested will not create a net county cost to the general fund.

ATTACHMENT A.

Budget Adjustment

10000-1300100000-781120	Rebates & Refunds	\$250,000
10000-1300100000-525440	Professional Services	\$250,000

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Stephapie Peter, Principal Managemest Analyst 12/1/2022