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



ITEM: 3.8 (ID # 22654) MEETING DATE:

Tuesday, August 01, 2023

FROM: BOS DISTRICT 5:

SUBJECT: BOS DISTRICT 5: Approve Fifth District Unincorporated Communities Initiative Project and Direct the Executive Office to transfer \$32,000 to the Riverside County Department of Animal Services, from the Unincorporated Communities Fund, to Support Project Funding. District 5. [\$32,000 Total Cost – 100% District 5 Unincorporated Communities Fund]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

- 1. Approve the Fifth District Unincorporated Communities Initiative project outlined below; and
- 2. Direct the Riverside County Department of Animal Services to initiate work on said Unincorporated Communities Initiative project using allocated resources from the Unincorporated Communities Fund; and
- 3. Direct Animal Services Departments to request budget adjustments for FY23/24 as necessary, to allocate funding for said Fifth District Unincorporated Communities Initiative project.

ACTION:4/5 Vote Required

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

Ayes:

Jeffries, Spiegel, Perez, Washington, and Gutierrez

Nays:

None

Absent:

None

Date:

August 1, 2023

XC:

BOS Dist. 5

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Kimberly A. Rector

Clerk of the Board

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	То	tal Cost:	Ongoing Cost	
COST	\$ 32,000	\$ 0		\$ 32,000		\$ 0
NET COUNTY COST	\$ 32,000	\$ 0		\$ 32,000		\$ 0
SOURCE OF FUNDS	Budget Adj	ustment:	N/A			
				For Fiscal Y	ear:	23/24

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BACKGROUND:

Summary

On November 17, 2020, the Riverside County Board of Supervisors (Board) directed the Executive Office to implement an Unincorporated Communities Initiative (UCI). The UCI is a focused, ongoing, and coordinated effort to improve the infrastructure and services provided to the residents of unincorporated communities, with emphasis on Disadvantaged Unincorporated Communities (DUCs). The program is funded through the Unincorporated Communities Fund (UCF). The UCF receives authorized General Fund/Net County Cost (NCC) monies from the County during the annual budget and quarterly budget revision process. On December 15, 2020, the Executive Office presented a proposed framework for planning and implementation of the UCI. With the support of the Board, the Executive Office established a team of staff and department heads to facilitate the UCI program. Through March 31, 2021, the Executive Office team held 15 community meetings and conducted online surveys to better understand community needs for services, infrastructure, and infrastructure maintenance. On May 25, 2021, the UCI Team presented the needs assessment to the Board. On June 21, 2022, the Board adopted the FY22/23 Budget, which included the allocation of \$10,000,000 in NCC General Funds to Unincorporated Communities Fund. The \$10,000,000 was to be divided evenly between the five Supervisorial Districts for each Supervisor's use within their unincorporated communities.

Based on the foundational work completed by the UCI Team and further analysis by this office, \$32,000 in remaining available UCF funding for the Fifth District will be allocated to the following project:

1. \$32,000 to the Riverside County Department of Animal Services to provide pop-up veterinary wellness services in Fifth District unincorporated communities.

The Riverside County Department of Animal Services Wellness Clinic and Outreach Campaign Deliverables and Budget includes the following:

RCDAS Wellness Clinic & Outreach Campaign Deliverables & Budget				
Four Veterinary Wellness Clinics for 150-200 pets/clinic	\$ 12,000			
Outreach Brochure Publication & Distribution at events to 4,500 pet families	\$ 15,000			
Paid- Preventive Health Education Media Ads reaching >5,000	\$ 5,000			

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residents	
Total Cost of Veterinary Wellness Services (Education & service	\$ 32,000
for >9,500 families)	\$ 32,000

Impact on Residents and Businesses

The Riverside County Department of Animal Services is proposing to provide pop-up veterinary wellness services to unincorporated communities to provide local access to veterinary services such as preventative care including vaccines and microchips. The sharp rise in stray and homeless pets that most communities are experiencing has had a significant impact on individuals and service providers. This program will offer services that will reduce licensing revenue, higher field impound and sheltering expenses, and increased adoption expenses due to unclaimed pets.

The long-term goal of the Unincorporated Communities initiative is to ultimately improve infrastructure and services to all our unincorporated communities. This is a first step to meeting that commitment.