

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



**ITEM: 3.39
(ID # 24677)**

MEETING DATE:

Tuesday, April 09, 2024

FROM : BOS DISTRICT 3:

SUBJECT: BOS DISTRICT 3: Approve the Third District Unincorporated Communities Initiative Projects and Direct the Executive Office to Transfer \$160,000 of Third District Unincorporated Communities Funds to Anza Electric Cooperative, Inc., \$810,000 to Riverside County Transportation Department, and \$12,000 to Riverside County Code Enforcement, to Support Project Funding. District 3. [\$982,000 Total Cost – 100% General Fund/Unincorporated Communities Initiative Funds]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the use of \$982,000 for Third District Unincorporated Communities Initiative Projects Outlined Below; and
2. Direct the Riverside County Transportation Department to Initiate Work on the Unincorporated Communities Initiative Projects Using the Allocated Resources from the Unincorporated Communities Fund; and
3. Direct Riverside County Code Enforcement to Initiate Work on the Unincorporated Communities Initiative Projects Using the Allocated Resources from the Unincorporated Communities Fund; and
4. Direct the Executive Office to Work with Anza Electric Cooperative, Inc. on a Funding Agreement to Initiate Work on the Unincorporated Communities Initiative Project Using Allocated Resources from the Unincorporated Communities Fund.

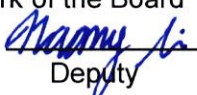
ACTION:


Supervisor Chuck Washington, Vice-Chair 4/5/2024

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

Ayes: Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Gutierrez
Nays: None
Absent: None
Date: April 9, 2024
xc: BOS-Dist. 3, Trans., Code Enforcement, E.O.

Kimberly A. Rector
Clerk of the Board
By: 
Deputy

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost
COST	\$ 982,000	\$ 0	\$ 982,000	\$ 0
NET COUNTY COST	\$ 982,000	\$ 0	\$ 982,000	\$ 0
SOURCE OF FUNDS: 100% General Fund/ Unincorporated Communities Initiative Fund			Budget Adjustment: N/A	
			For Fiscal Year: 23/24	

BACKGROUND:

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 27, 2023, the Board adopted the FY23/24 Budget, which included the allocation of \$10,000,000 in NCC General Funds to the 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, \$982,000 of remaining available UCI funding for the Third District will be allocated to the following projects:

1. **\$810,000 to the Riverside County Transportation Department for:**
 - a. **Pavement improvement of Willard St from SR-79 to Whittier Ave (\$500,000)**
 - b. **Pavement improvement of Whittier Ave from Simpson Rd to Willard St (\$310,000)**
2. **\$12,000 to Riverside County Code Enforcement for a Community Cleanup event in the unincorporated community of Sage.**
3. **\$160,000 to Anza Electric Cooperative, Inc. for a second phase of fuel reduction and tree trimming near circuit lines to reduce fire hazards and improve public safety for the community of Anza.**

IMPACTS TO RESIDENTS AND BUSINESS:

The Riverside County Transportation Department will pave the above referenced streets in the unincorporated community of Winchester. These street improvements will enhance safety and access for these neighborhoods; upon completion of the paving projects the Transportation Department will incorporate these roads into the County maintenance circulation element.

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Riverside County Code Enforcement provides community cleanup events for unincorporated communities to enhance the health and safety of the communities, clear litter from roads and sidewalks, and offer a location for residents to discard household hazardous materials. The proposed event will be for the unincorporated community of Sage.

Anza Electric Cooperative, Inc. is the electric utility provider for the Anza community. The Co-op's service territory includes roughly 700 square miles of mountainous rural terrain where native vegetation can pose a fire hazard for power lines. This funding will aid Anza Electric Cooperative in continuing the hazard reduction effort and improve the protection of the Anza valley and surrounding areas.

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