

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



ITEM: 3.55  
(ID # 25169)

**MEETING DATE:**  
Tuesday, June 04, 2024

**FROM :** BOS DISTRICT 4

**SUBJECT:** BOS DISTRICT 4: Approve the Fourth District Unincorporated Communities Initiative projects and use of Unincorporated Communities Initiative Funding in the amount of \$1,826,000, District 4. [\$1,826,000 Total Cost – 100% General Fund/Unincorporated Communities Initiative Funds] (4/5 Vote Required)

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

1. Approve the Fourth District Unincorporated Communities Initiative projects outlined below; and

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**ACTION:Policy**

  
Supervisor V. Manuel Perez, Supervisor 4th. District 5/30/2024

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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

On motion of Supervisor Jeffries, 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: June 4, 2024  
xc: BOS-Dist. 4, Trans., Animal Service, Aviation, E.O.

Kimberly A. Rector  
Clerk of the Board

By:   
Deputy

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

2. Direct the County of Riverside Transportation Department to initiate work on beautification improvements within the Thousand Palms community using \$605,000 of Unincorporated Communities Initiative Funds; and
3. Direct the Riverside County Department of Animal Services to initiate work providing pop-up veterinary wellness services in the Fourth District using \$30,000 of Unincorporated Communities Initiative Funds; and
4. Direct the Riverside County Transportation and Land Management Agency (TLMA), Aviation Division to initiate work on improvements to Jacqueline Cochran Regional Airport in the Thermal community using \$441,000 of Unincorporated Communities Initiative Funds; and
5. Direct the Executive Office to transfer FY 23/24 Fourth District Unincorporated Communities Initiative Funds to the County of Riverside Transportation Department, Department of Animal Services and the TLMA Aviation Division for the Unincorporated Communities Initiative Projects as outlined above; and
6. Authorize the use of Fourth District Unincorporated Communities Initiative Funds from FY 21/22 previously committed in the amount \$206,000 and from FY 23/24 in the amount of \$544,000 to support the Thousand Palm Energy Development project; and
7. Approve and Direct the Auditor Controller to commit fund balance of \$544,000 from the FY 23/24 Fourth District Unincorporated Communities Initiative Funds to support the Thousand Palm Energy Development project; and
8. Approve and Direct the Auditor-Controller to make budget adjustments as detailed in Attachment A.

<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	<b>Current Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Next Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Total Cost:</b>	<b>Ongoing Cost</b>
<b>COST</b>	\$ 1,826,000	\$ 0	\$ 1,826,000	\$ 0
<b>NET COUNTY COST</b>	\$ 1,826,000	\$ 0	\$ 1,826,000	\$ 0
<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS:</b> 100% General Fund/Unincorporated Communities Initiative Fund			<b>Budget Adjustment:</b> N/A	
			<b>For Fiscal Year:</b> 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

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(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, \$1,620,000 of the remaining available FY 23/24 UCI funding for the Fourth District will be allocated to the following projects:

1. \$605,000 to the County of Riverside Transportation Department to assist with beautification improvements (monument, archway, signage, etc.) within the Thousand Palms community.
2. \$30,000 to the Riverside County Department of Animal Services to provide pop-up veterinary wellness services in the Fourth District.
3. \$441,000 to the Riverside County Transportation and Land Management Agency, Aviation Division to assist with landscape and aesthetic improvements, and lift station repairs at the Jacqueline Cochran Regional Airport in the Thermal community.
4. \$544,000 in committed fund balance to be used towards the Thousand Palms Energy Development project.

Additionally, based on further analysis by this office, \$206,000 of the previously committed FY 21/22 UCI Funding for the Fourth District will be allocated to the following project:

1. \$206,000 to the Thousand Palms Energy Development project.

The Thousand Palms Energy Development project is allocated a total of \$750,000 in committed fund balance.

**IMPACTS TO RESIDENTS AND BUSINESS:**

The Riverside County Transportation Department will plan, design, and implement high visibility and low maintenance roadside features including community entry monuments, and signage along future identified roadway(s) within the Thousand Palms community. This project focuses on enhancing the "welcoming feeling" of the Thousand Palms community.

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

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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 that impact and improve pet care for residents.

The Jacqueline Cochran Regional Airport is a General Aviation Reliever Airport located adjacent to the Town of Thermal in Riverside County. The proposed improvements will enhance the facilities entrance located on Airport Blvd by updating the existing landscaping and providing a new, updated entry monument.

As new construction comes on board in the community of Thousand Palms, energy infrastructure is not available to service these new developments. The Thousand Palms Energy Development project will significantly enhance the available capacity for growth and system resiliency in the Thousand Palms area. Funding will contribute to a more reliable and resilient electrical supply to the area that will benefit development and existing customers in general. The long-term goal of the Unincorporated Communities initiative is to ultimately improve infrastructure and services to all our unincorporated communities.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Schedule A

**Schedule "A"**

**BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS**

**Increase Committed Fund Balance:**

10000-1101000000-330100	Committed Fund Balance	\$544,000
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**Decrease Unassigned Fund Balance:**

10000-1101000000-370100	Unassigned Fund Balance	\$544,000
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**SPEAKER'S NAME:** BRAD ANDERSON

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**City:** Redlands **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** 6/4/24 **Agenda #** 3.55

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**SPEAKER'S NAME:** Mariela Loera

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone #:** \_\_\_\_\_

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## Lopez, Daniel

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Submitted on June 3, 2024

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