

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



ITEM: 3.99
(ID # 25670)

MEETING DATE:
Tuesday, July 30, 2024

FROM : SUPERVISOR KAREN SPIEGEL

SUBJECT: Second District Unincorporated Communities Initiative (UCI) Funding to the Department of Animal Services; District 2. [\$30,000 Total Cost - 100% District 2 Unincorporated Communities Fund](4/5 Vote Required)

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the Second District Unincorporated Communities Initiative (UCI) funding as described below; and
2. Direct the Executive Office to transfer \$30,000 from District 2 FY 24/25 UCI funds to the Riverside County Department of Animal Services.

ACTION:4/5 Vote Required


Supervisor Karen Spiegel, Supervisor 2nd District 7/25/2024

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Spiegel, 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: July 30, 2024
xc: BOS-Dist. 2, 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	\$ 30,000	\$ 0	\$ 30,000	\$ 0
NET COUNTY COST	\$ 30,000	\$ 0	\$ 30,000	\$ 0
SOURCE OF FUNDS: 100% District 2 – Unincorporated Communities Fund			Budget Adjustment:	No
			For Fiscal Year:	24/25

BACKGROUND:

On November 17, 2020, the Riverside County Board of Supervisors 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 (DUC). 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.

Over the past two years, the Second District Office has collaborated with the Department of Animal Services to successfully organize mobile spay/neuter and wellness clinic bus events. These events have been instrumental in providing no-cost services to over 1,500 animals and has given pet owners in second district unincorporated communities to have access to veterinary care services. Recognizing the positive impact of these events, the Office of Supervisor Karen Spiegel is now proposing to allocate \$30,000 in funding to expand this program. This additional funding aims to facilitate more spay/neuter and wellness clinic events throughout the second district, with the goal of serving up to 1,150 more animals in the upcoming fiscal year. These events will be held in our unincorporated communities, namely, the communities of Home Gardens, El Cerrito, Temescal Valley, Lakeland Village, Woodcrest, and Lake Matthews, where access to affordable animal treatment services is limited. Services provided at these clinics include free vaccines, microchipping, deworming, flea treatments, tick treatments, and spay/neuter surgeries.

The success of these events has demonstrated a need for mobile spay/neuter and wellness clinic events, especially in unincorporated communities, which in comparison to nearby cities, lack sufficient access to affordable veterinary care. Without these services, many pet owners are unable to provide necessary medical attention for their animals, leading to increased rates of pet overpopulation and preventable illnesses. This not only affects the well-being of animals but also places a strain on Riverside County local animal shelters, which are facing impactedness and are overwhelmed with the influx of stray pets. By continuing to fund these services, the project aims to address the aforementioned issues, reduce the burden on shelters and improving the health and quality of life for pets and their owners within the second district and the County overall.