

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



**ITEM: 3.35  
(ID # 26817)**

**MEETING DATE:**  
Tuesday, December 17, 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 \$250,000, District 4. [\$250,000 Total Cost – 100% District 4 Unincorporated Communities Fund] (4/5 Vote Required)

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

1. Approve the Fourth District Unincorporated Communities Initiative projects outlined below; and
2. Direct the Executive Office to pay \$200,000 from the Unincorporated Communities Initiative Fund to ABC Recovery Center, Inc.; and
3. Direct the Riverside County Department of Animal Services to initiate work providing pop-up veterinary wellness services in the Fourth District using \$50,000 of Unincorporated Communities Initiative Funds; and
4. Direct the Executive Office to transfer FY 24/25 Fourth District Unincorporated Communities Initiative Funds to the Department of Animal Services for the Unincorporated Communities Initiative Project as outlined above.

**ACTION:Policy, 4/5 Vote Required**

  
Supervisor V. Manuel Perez, Supervisor 4th. District 12/12/2024

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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

On motion of Supervisor Gutierrez seconded by Supervisor Jeffries 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: December 17, 2024  
xc: BOS-District 4, EO, Animal Services

Kimberly A. Rector  
Clerk of the Board

By:   
Deputy

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<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>	\$ 250,000	\$ 0	\$ 250,000	\$ 0
<b>NET COUNTY COST</b>	\$ 250,000	\$ 0	\$ 250,000	\$ 0
<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS:</b> 100% Unincorporated Community Fund			<b>Budget Adjustment:</b> N/A	
			<b>For Fiscal Year:</b> 24/25	

**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 11, 2024, the Board adopted the FY24/25 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, \$250,000 of the remaining available UCI funding for the Fourth District will be allocated to the following project:

- \$200,000 to the ABC Recovery Center, Inc. to assist with offsite mitigation related to the construction of their new 5.9-acre facility located in Indio.
- \$50,000 to the Riverside County Department of Animal Services to provide pop-up veterinary wellness services in the Fourth District.

**Impact on Residents and Businesses**

ABC Recovery Center is one of Southern California's leading destinations for addiction treatment. ABC Recovery Center provides services to all Coachella Valley residents, including residents of unincorporated Riverside County. 95% of their treatment population comes from the Coachella Valley. ABC Recovery Center is in the process of building a 45,000 square foot development, increasing their services by 160%. There is a total of 7 new buildings being built on a 5.9-acre parcel of property which is located on their current site in Indio. The expansion of their current facility allows them to expand services within the Coachella Valley.

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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 that impact and improve pet care for residents.

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.