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



ITEM: 3.1 (ID # 26945) MEETING DATE: Tuesday, January 28, 2025

FROM : BOS DISTRICT 3

SUBJECT: BOS DISTRICT 3: Approve the Third District Unincorporated Communities Initiative project and direct the Executive Office to transfer \$60,200 from the Unincorporated Communities Fund to the Riverside County Emergency Management Department to support project funding, District 3. [\$60,200 Total Cost – 100% General Fund/Unincorporated Communities Initiative Funds]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

- 1. Approve the Third District Unincorporated Communities Initiative project outlined below; and
- 2. Direct the Riverside County Emergency Management Department to initiate work on the Unincorporated Communities Initiative Project using allocated resources from the Unincorporated Communities Fund in an amount not to exceed \$60,200.

ACTION:4/5 Vote Required, Policy

nuck Washington, Chair

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:	Medina, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Gutierrez
Nays:	None
Absent:	None
Date:	January 28, 2025
XC:	BOS-District 3, EMD

Kimberly A. Rector Clerk of the Board Deputy

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongo	ing Cost	
COST	\$ 60,200	\$0	\$ 60,200	\$0	\$0	
NET COUNTY COST	\$ 60,200	\$0	\$ 60,200	\$0	\$0	
SOURCE OF FUND Unincorporated Co				Budget Adjustme	ent: No	
				For Fiscal Year:	24/25	

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 25, 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, \$60,200 of the \$1,920,000 in remaining available UCF funding for the Third District will be allocated to the following project:

1. Mountain Top Project Outdoor Warning System managed by the Riverside County Emergency Management Department.

IMPACTS TO RESIDENTS AND BUSINESS:

The Riverside County Emergency Management Department has been working toward the installation of a mountain top emergency warning system that will include 28 outdoor warning sirens throughout the San Jacinto Mountains from Anza to Poppet Flatts and Pinyon Pines. These sirens would set off an alarm/notification in case of a need for rapid evacuation and have an option for the transmission of voice messages.

The Third District community of Anza would receive two warning sirens. These sirens will improve the safety of residents and visitors of the unincorporated communities within the San Jacinto Mountains by providing an audible alert in the event of an emergency requiring evacuation.

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.