

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



ITEM: 3.1
(ID # 27400)

MEETING DATE:
Tuesday, March 18, 2025

FROM : BOS DISTRICT 1

SUBJECT: BOS DISTRICT 1: First District use of Community Improvement Designation Funds to be allocated to the Riverside Arts Academy, Civil Rights Institute Inland Southern California, Riverside LGBTQ+ Pride Inc, Riverside Community Services Foundations, and Riverside Conty Department of Animal Services [\$97,000 - General Fund 100%] (4/5 vote required)

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors approve the use of Community Improvement Designation funds for:

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1. **Riverside Arts Academy - \$5,000**
4010 Merrill Avenue, Riverside, CA 92506
2. **Civil Rights Institute Inland Southern California - \$70,000**
P.O. Box 1352, Riverside, CA 92502
3. **Riverside LGBTQ+ Pride Inc - \$5,000**
P.O. Box 56012, Riverside, CA 92517
4. **Riverside Community Services Foundation – 5,000**
6927 Magnolia Avenue, Riverside, CA 92506
5. **Riverside County Department of Animal Services - \$12,000**
6851 Van Buren Blvd., Riverside, CA 92509

ACTION:4/5 Vote Required

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: March 18, 2025
xc: BOS-D1, COB/cc

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	\$97,000	\$0	\$97,000	\$0
NET COUNTY COST	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
SOURCE OF FUNDS: General Fund 100%			Budget Adjustment: NO	
			For Fiscal Year: 24/25	

BACKGROUND: Community Improvement Designation funds will be given to the following organizations:

1. **Riverside Arts Academy (RAA)** has provided high-quality, accessible music education to Riverside's youth since 2012. Their after-school music program (RAAMP) is based at the Cesar Chavez Community Center in the Riverside Eastside neighborhood. This program is geared towards students of all skill levels and ages (7-17), the program aims to foster cultural enrichment, creativity, and social-emotional development through high-quality music instruction. The proposed funding in the amount of **\$5,000** will support the year-round tuition of a few students in the Riverside and Jurupa Valley School District areas.
2. **Civil Rights Institute Inland Southern California (CRIISC)** inspires people of all ages through lifting the ongoing and historic civil rights stories of the region, fostering community advocacy, and building the champions of tomorrow. Their vision is to connect people from all walks of life through stories, sharing of information, and personal relationships to make Inland Southern California a center of civil rights and social justice. The proposed funding in the amount of **\$70,000** will be used to develop an Ethnic Studies Resource Center wherein CRIISC will create a local ethnic studies high school curriculum, develop a suite of online resources, enter classrooms with engaging activities, and host events for local teachers in Riverside County.
3. **Riverside LGBTQ+ Pride Inc's** mission is to inspire, educate, commemorate, celebrate and illuminate our diverse Riverside community through public service and public events. They also serve those in need by connecting community members to resources that help them to thrive, educate others through programs that help them grow, and events that commemorate and illuminate those who need help to shine. The proposed funding of **\$5,000** will be used to sponsor the 3rd Annual Riverside Pride Festival, taking place on May 10, 2025, at White Park in Downtown Riverside.
4. **Riverside Community Services Foundation (RCSF)** was established in 2007 and serves as the charitable arm of the City of Riverside's Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Department. RCSF supports programs in arts and culture, environmental stewardship, youth initiatives, senior activities, therapeutic programs, and youth scholarships, aiming to enhance the quality of life for all Riverside residents. The proposed funding of **\$5,000** will be used to sponsor 15th Annual Young Men's Conference "Reach for your Potential," scheduled in March 2025, at the Bourns Technology Center, in Riverside. The program will serve 200 male students from Riverside Unified School District (RUSD) and Alford Unified School District (AUSD), ages 12-18, providing them with valuable mentorship and development opportunities.
5. **Riverside County Department of Animal Services** will use the **\$12,000** grant funds to provide four Mobile Spay & Neuter and Vaccine Clinics in the Good Hope and Mead Valley communities of the First District.

Flores, Kate

From: Betty Robinson <homebear@att.net>
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2025 12:41 PM
To: Clerk of the Board
Subject: Item 3. Policy Calendar March 18, 2025

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To the Riverside County Board of Supervisors: Jose Medina, Karen Spiegel, Chuck Washington, V. Manuel Perez, and Yxstian Gutierrez:

RE: Item 3. Policy Calendar 27400:BOS DISTRICT 1: First District use of Community Improvement Designation

Please remove the funds designated for the Riverside LGBTQ+ Pride Inc.

--This allocation will not improve our community.

--This is not a crucial need as so many other issues are....there are Vets and homeless people whose basic human needs are not being met.

--This is discrimination when no other groups are given funds based on sexual orientation.

Respectfully,

Betty Robinson

Flores, Kate

From: clasts-56752@mypacks.net
Sent: Sunday, March 16, 2025 3:55 PM
To: Clerk of the Board
Subject: FROM CONSENT CALENDER, PLEASE "pull" Riverside LGBTQ+ Pride FROM ITEM 3 "allocation of funds"....

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I am ALSO a "concerned citizen" when it comes to wasteful spending of tax dollars!

As best stated in the below email sent,

"PLEASE "pull"

Riverside LGBTQ+ Pride

FROM Consent Calendar for

ITEM 3 POLICY CALENDAR (allocation of funds) SLATED FOR Tues. March 18, 2025

...for "further discussion" and a vote of "NO" on "Funds to be allocated to" ...

BECAUSE THIS IS A WASTEFUL ALLOCATION OF TAX DOLLARS at a time when

we have VETS and OTHER "under-served" & HOMELESS people/families "doing without" basic human services."

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From: <brine-73732@mypacks.net>

Sent: Mar 16, 2025 2:11 PM

To: <cob@rivco.org>

Cc: <brine-73732@mypacks.net>

Subject: PLEASE "pull" Riverside LGBTQ+ Pride FROM ITEM 3 "allocation of funds"....Fw: FRAUD, WASTE & ABUSE in "allocating / spending" Riverside County tax dollars

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TO: RIVERSIDE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,

4080 Lemon Street 1st. Floor - Board Chambers Riverside, CA 92501

Phone. (951) 955-1069

Email: cob@rivco.org

in re: Regular Meeting, **TUES., 3/18/2025 9:30 AM**

ITEM 3. POLICY CALENDAR

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Respectfully,

Concerned Citizens of California

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EMAIL: brine-73732@mypacks.net



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From: Clerk of the Board <COB@RIVCO.ORG>

Sent: Mar 15, 2025 2:07 PM

To: brine-73732@mypacks.net <brine-73732@mypacks.net>

Subject: Automatic reply: FRAUD, WASTE & ABUSE in "allocating / spending" Riverside County tax dollars

The Clerk of the Board of Supervisors is in receipt of your email.

Board Assistant

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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Riverside, CA 92501

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From: brine-73732@mypacks.net
Sent: Saturday, March 15, 2025 2:07 PM
To: Clerk of the Board
Cc: AACCENTDESIGN1
Subject: FRAUD, WASTE & ABUSE in "allocating / spending" Riverside County tax dollars

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Riverside LGBTQ+ Pride is a 100% volunteer-powered **501(c)(3)** NON-PROFIT.

As per Item 3. 27400 in your upcoming Supervisors' meeting (noted above), **THIS SINGULAR GROUP is getting \$5,000 (tax dollars)** from the Supervisors of Riverside County...**WHY?**

IF \$5,000 is ONLY FOR a singular GROUP but there are NO OTHER "DONATIONS/allocations/expenditures" for ALL THE OTHER GROUPS BASED ON SEXUAL ORIENTATION including HETERO's ... *this is nonsense* AND represents "wasteful spending" IN ADDITION TO BEING unconstitutional!

We need FRAUD, WASTE & ABUSE (spending tax dollars for non-essentials) STOPPED in Riverside County's SUPERVISORS' budgetary AND/OR "discretionary" spending!

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