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



ITEM: 3.4 (ID # 27757) MEETING DATE: Tuesday, May 06, 2025

FROM:

BOS DISTRICT 3

SUBJECT: BOS DISTRICT 3: Approve the Third District Unincorporated Communities Initiative projects and direct the Executive Office to transfer \$585,000 from the Unincorporated Communities Fund to the respective County Departments and organizations to support project funding, District 3. [\$585,000 Total Cost – 100% General Fund/Unincorporated Communities Initiative Funds] (4/5th Vote Required)

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

- 1. Approve the Third District Unincorporated Communities Initiative projects outlined below; and
- 2. Direct the Riverside County Transportation Department, Aviation Division, to initiate work on the Unincorporated Communities Initiative Project using allocated resources from the Unincorporated Communities Fund in an amount not to exceed \$500,000; and
- 3. Authorize use of Third District Unincorporated Communities Initiative funding in an amount not to exceed \$25,000, for Anza Electric Cooperative, Inc to complete the Unincorporated Communities Initiative Project; and

ACTION:Policy

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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Washington, seconded by Supervisor Gutierrez and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Aves:

Medina, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Gutierrez

Nays:

None None

Absent: Date:

May 6, 2025

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RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

- 4. Authorize use of Third District Unincorporated Communities Initiative funding in an amount not to exceed \$30,000, for Valley Wide Recreation and Parks District to complete the Unincorporated Communities Initiative Project; and
- Direct the Executive Office to commit \$10,000 from the FY 24/25 Unincorporated Communities Initiative Fund to support Riverside County Code Enforcement projects; and
- Direct the Executive Office to commit \$20,000 from the FY 24/25 Unincorporated Communities Initiative Fund to support Riverside County Department of Animal Services projects; and
- 7. Approve and Direct the Auditor-Controller to make budget adjustments as detailed in Attachment A.

FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:		Ongoing Cost
COST	\$ 585,000	\$0	\$ 585,000		\$0
NET COUNTY COST	\$ 585,000	\$0	\$ 585,000		\$0
SOURCE OF FUNDS: 100% General Fund/Unincorporated				Budget Adjustment: No	
Communities Initiative Fund					
			For Fiscal Y	'ear: 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. In FY24/25 the Unincorporated Communities Fund was increased by \$1,250,000 to also be divided evenly between the five Supervisorial Districts.

Based on the foundational work completed by the UCI Team and further analysis by this office, \$595,000 of the \$2,109,800 in remaining available UCF funding for the Third District will be allocated to the

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following projects:

- 1. \$500,000 to the Riverside County Transportation Department, Aviation Division, for design work on the Air Traffic Control Tower Project at the French Valley Airport.
- 2. \$25,000 to the Anza Electric Cooperative, Inc. to purchase fire skid pumps.
- 3. \$30,000 to Valley Wide Recreation and Parks District for community events in the Third District communities of French Valley, Homeland and Winchester.
- 4. \$20,000 to the Riverside County Department of Animal Services for Mobile Animal Clinics and Spay and Neuter Events throughout unincorporated Third District.
- 5. \$10,000 to the Riverside County Code Enforcement for Neighborhood Clean-up Events throughout unincorporated Third District.

IMPACTS TO RESIDENTS AND BUSINESS:

The French Valley Airport is a General Aviation (GA) Reliever airport located in southwest Riverside County. The airport includes one 6,000-foot by 75-foot runway that supports a diverse fleet mix associated with corporate aircraft, flight schools, and regional aviation. The French Valley Airport is home to more than 240 based aircraft and supports approximately 89,000 annual operations. The surrounding area impacted by the airport operations can be characterized as predominantly residential. The inclusion of a traffic control tower will significantly reduce the impact of airport operations on the surrounding community.

Anza Electric Cooperative, Inc. is the electric utility provider for the Anza community. The Co-op's service area includes roughly 700 acres of mountainous rural terrain where native vegetation can pose a fire hazard. Four (4) new fire skid pumps will be purchased and mounted on the utility company's maintenance trucks to be used to pre-treat areas with water where work is scheduled or knock down small brush fires while awaiting larger support from fire services. The inclusion of these units in Anza Co-op's fleet will improve safety for the Anza community.

Valley Wide Recreation and Parks District provides park maintenance and community events to multiple unincorporated communities in the Third District. Community events strengthen relationships between neighbors, build a sense of community, and improve the quality of life throughout Riverside County.

Riverside County Animal Services provides mobile spay and neuter clinics direct to communities, encouraging pet owners to utilize the services without requiring them to find a local animal shelter or veterinarian. Spaying and neutering dogs and cats in the community helps prevent pet overpopulation by reducing the number of unwanted litters. This, in turn, decreases the number of animals abandoned or surrendered to local shelters.

Riverside County Code Enforcement provides community clean-up events, large roll off bins for properties that have abandoned squatter camps, and clean-ups for properties where the owners are victims of illegal dumping or low income. These activities enhance the health and safety of the communities, clear litter from roads and sidewalks, and provide opportunities for property owners to improve their parcel while properly disposing of household hazardous materials.

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.

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ATTACHMENTS

Schedule "A" **BUDGET ADJUSTMENT**

Increase Committed Fund Balance:

10000-1101000000-330100 Committed Fund Balance

\$30,000

Anticipated Use of Unassigned Fund Balance:

10000-1101000000-370100

Unassigned Fund Balance

\$30,000

Schedule "A"

BUDGET ADJUSTMENT

Increase Committed Fund Balance:

10000-1101000000-330100 Committed Fund Balance \$30,000

Anticipated Use of Unassigned Fund Balance:

10000-1101000000-370100 Unassigned Fund Balance \$30,000