

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



ITEM: 3.70
(ID # 27901)

MEETING DATE:

Tuesday, May 20, 2025

FROM : BOS DISTRICT 3

SUBJECT: BOS DISTRICT 3: Approve the Third District Unincorporated Communities Initiative projects and direct the Executive Office to transfer \$1,203,000 from the Unincorporated Communities Fund to the respective County Departments and organizations to support project funding, District 3. [\$1,203,000 Total Cost – 100% General Fund/Unincorporated Communities Initiative Funds](4/5 Vote Required)

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the Third District Unincorporated Communities Initiative projects outlined below;
and
2. Direct the Executive Office to commit \$910,000 from the FY 24/25 Unincorporated Communities Initiative Fund to support Riverside County Transportation Department projects; and
3. Direct the Riverside County Sheriff's Department to initiate work on the Unincorporated Communities Initiative Project using allocated resources from the Unincorporated Communities Fund in an amount not to exceed \$13,000; and
4. Authorize use of Third District Unincorporated Communities Initiative funding in an amount not to exceed \$75,000, for Anza Electric Cooperative, Inc to complete the Unincorporated Communities Initiative Project.
5. Authorize use of Third District Unincorporated Communities Initiative funding in an amount not to exceed \$75,000, to San Jacinto Mountain Community Center, a 501 (c)(3) for the Idyllwild Community Center, Inc to complete the Unincorporated Communities Initiative Project.
6. Authorize use of Third District Unincorporated Communities Initiative funding in an amount not to exceed \$130,000, for Riverside County Fire for the purchase of extrication equipment to complete the Unincorporated Communities Initiative Project.


ACTION:Policy


Supervisor Chuck Washington, Chair 5/16/2025

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Gutierrez, seconded by Supervisor Spiegel 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: May 20, 2025
xc: BOS-D3, Sheriff, Fire, Transp.

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	\$ 1,203,000	\$ 0	\$ 1,203,000	\$ 0
NET COUNTY COST	\$ 1,203,000	\$ 0	\$ 1,203,000	\$ 0
SOURCE OF FUNDS: 100% General Fund/Unincorporated Communities Initiative Fund			Budget Adjustment: 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. 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, \$1,203,000 of the \$1,524,800 in remaining available UCF funding for the Third District will be allocated to the following projects:

1. \$900,000 to Riverside County Transportation Department for a new traffic signal at the intersection of Benton Rd and Van Gaale Ln.
2. \$10,000 to Riverside County Transportation Department for maintenance of the Winchester community signs.
3. \$75,000 to Anza Electric Cooperative, Inc. to purchase small generators.
4. \$13,000 to Riverside County Sheriff's Department to purchase Flock Cameras to be installed throughout unincorporated communities in the Third District.
5. \$75,000 to the San Jacinto Mountain Community Center, a 501 (c)(3) for the new Idyllwild Community Center building.
6. \$130,000 to Riverside County Fire for the purchase of extrication equipment for Fire Station 96 and Fire Station 84 within the unincorporated Third District.

IMPACTS TO RESIDENTS AND BUSINESS:

Signalized intersections improve traffic operations and safety for vehicles, bicyclists, and pedestrians. Adding a traffic signal to the intersection of Benton Rd and Van Gaale Ln will benefit the surrounding community by reducing gridlock in the growing community and improve safety for residents traveling. Improvements will include installation of signal equipment and

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safety lighting, a new ADA compliant curb ramp, and all new signage and markings.

The Winchester Community signs recognize the history of the Winchester region, inform visitors of their arrival to the community, and increase pride in the community. The Riverside County Transportation Department will utilize the funding to maintain the signs and ensure the signs reflects the legacy of the Winchester community.

The use of Flock Cameras by the Riverside County Sheriff's Department improves public safety and reduces crime by increasing the crime solvency rate. Flock Cameras capture still images with date, time, and location which can be used during a criminal investigation. They also assist in locating stolen vehicles and in alerting law enforcement of vehicles associated with Amber and Silver Alerts. This equipment is a valuable tool for local law enforcement and is instrumental in keeping Riverside County safe.

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 power outages can take longer than usual to restore. Anza Co-op will purchase and distribute small generators to customers to alleviate the strain of a power outage in the rural community.

The Idyllwild Community Center (ICC) is a local nonprofit organization committed to offering recreational, cultural, and social opportunities for both residents and visitors of our mountain communities. Currently, all of ICC's year-round programs and events are held at the Idyllwild Town Hall—a facility that no longer meets the growing needs of the community. Established in 2012, the ICC was founded with the vision of building a dedicated community center on its property. The Third District played a vital role in launching this project and remains a proud supporter of ICC's continued development. This funding will help complete the construction of the new Idyllwild Community Center, providing a permanent, purpose-built space to serve our mountain communities for generations to come.

The Riverside County Fire Department provides public safety throughout the Third District where many of the communities have unique features and specialized needs. This funding will assist Riverside County Fire with the purchase of extrication equipment used in vehicle collisions for Fire Station 96 and Fire Station 84, which service the Third District. Access to this equipment will improve safety for the surrounding communities and provide a valuable asset for the greater region.

ATTACHMENT:

Schedule A

Schedule "A"

BUDGET ADJUSTMENT

Increase Committed Fund Balance:

10000-1101000000-330100	Committed Fund Balance	\$910,000
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Anticipated Use of Unassigned Fund Balance:

10000-1101000000-370100	Unassigned Fund Balance	\$910,000
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