

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



**ITEM: 3.72
(ID # 28736)**

MEETING DATE:

Tuesday, August 26, 2025

FROM : BOS DISTRICT 1

SUBJECT: BOS DISTRICT 1: First District use of Community Improvement Designation Funds (CID) to be allocated to Rivers and Lands Conservancy, Riverside Educational Enrichment Foundation, The Tom Wathen Center, Riverside Art Council, Riverside County Police Foundation, The Native American Land Conservancy, The Unforgettables Foundation, The Inland Empire Community Foundation and The Riverside Arts Council. [\$26,500 - General Fund 100%] (4/5 vote required)

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

- 1. Rivers and Lands Conservancy - \$2,500**
6876 Indiana Avenue, Suite J-2, Riverside, CA 92506
- 2. Riverside Educational Enrichment Foundation - \$1,500**
19069 Van Buren Boulevard, Suite 114-484, Riverside, CA 92508
- 3. The Tom Wathen Center, Riverside Art Council - \$2,500**
4130 Mennes Avenue, Suite 24, Jurupa Valley, CA 92509
- 4. Riverside Police Foundation - \$2,500**
4102 Orange Street, Riverside, CA 92501
- 5. The Native American Land Conservancy - \$2,500**
300 S Highland Springs Avenue, Suite 6C #279 Banning, CA 92220
- 6. The Unforgettables Foundation - \$2,500**
345 W Pearl Avenue, Suite 230, Redlands, CA 92374
- 7. The Inland Empire Community Foundation - \$10,000**
3700 Sixt Street, Suite 200, Riverside, CA 92501
- 8. Riverside Arts Council - \$2,500**
3700 Sixt Street, Riverside, CA 92501

ACTION:4/5 Vote Required

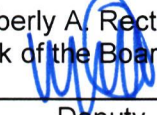
Supervisor Jose Medina

8/21/2025

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Gutierrez, seconded by Supervisor Medina 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: August 26, 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	\$26,500	\$0	\$26,500	\$0
NET COUNTY COST	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
SOURCE OF FUNDS: General Fund 100%			Budget Adjustment: NO	
			For Fiscal Year: 25/26	

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

1. **Rivers and Lands Conservancy**, a nonprofit dedicated to protecting open spaces, rivers, and natural lands, is requesting financial support to advance its mission of conservation and stewardship. The \$2,500 funding will directly support ongoing efforts in Bryant Park, ensuring the preservation of this valuable community resource while enhancing sustainability and public access.
2. **The Riverside Educational Enrichment Foundation (REEF)**, a nonprofit dedicated to enhancing educational opportunities in the Riverside Unified School District, has a strong history of supporting students and teachers through scholarships, grants, and community partnerships. REEF is requesting \$1,500 to support the 2025 Citrus Classic, an annual community bike ride event that raises funds to expand enrichment programs that promote equitable access to high-quality learning experiences.
3. **The Tom Wathen Center**, is the nonprofit that owns and operates the Flabob Airport and has a long history of supporting families and strengthening communities, is requesting sponsorship for its upcoming Veteran Celebration, an event honoring and supporting local veterans. The \$2,500 will help provide resources, activities, and community engagement opportunities that recognize veterans' contributions and provide an opportunity for community members to become acquainted with the airport and its programs.
4. **The Riverside Police Foundation** is a nonprofit dedicated to strengthening community-police relationships through programs that promote youth development, public safety, and civic engagement. The Golden Badge Gala, RPF's signature annual fundraising event, brings together community and business leaders, donors, and public officials to honor achievements and raise critical funds. The \$2,500 funding will help cover event expenses and fund youth programs including soccer, boxing, judo, youth court, and peer mentorship initiatives.
5. **The Native American Land Conservancy**, along with Rosy Cabrera and Blossom Maciel, Riverside Native Americans, are seeking to share the city's rich Native American history, starting with Mt. Rubidoux. With the \$2,500 funds, they plan to continue offering guided tours along the trail, highlighting culturally significant sites and traditional practices like reed basket making. The program will expand to include more attendees, educational materials, and Bird Singers, fostering awareness of Riverside's overlooked Native history and promoting preservation of Big Spring Rancheria.

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- 6. The Unforgettables Foundation (TUF)** is a nonprofit that provides burial assistance to families in the Inland Empire who cannot afford a dignified burial for a child, supporting over 10,000 families in Riverside, San Bernardino, and Orange Counties. TUF's mission is to ensure no family faces the loss of a child without the ability to lay them to rest with dignity, while also offering access to grief counseling and educational programs on child safety and mental health. The \$2,500 funding will support the Riverside County Child Burial Assistance Program, subsidizing burial or cremation costs for low-income families in Riverside County's First District. Funding 20 cases could directly and indirectly impact up to 80 family members, providing critical support during the sudden and tragic loss of a child.
- 7. The Inland Empire Community Foundation (IECF)** established the CIELO Fund to empower Latinos in the region through educational excellence, leadership development, and community investment. Each year, the CIELO Fund hosts an Annual Celebration Brunch to honor donors, grantees, and scholarship recipients. The \$10,000 sponsorship will directly support event costs, ensuring more resources remain dedicated to the Fund's grantmaking and scholarship efforts.
- 8. The Riverside Arts Council (RAC)** is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to strengthen the Riverside community through the arts by providing programs in arts education, art therapy, and public art access. Its signature fundraiser, the Riverside Art & Music Festival, transforms downtown Riverside into a free, family-friendly celebration of music, visual arts, theatre, dance, and cultural connection. The \$2,500 funding will support the festival costs, ensuring resources for artist opportunities, hands-on creative activities, and community engagement while sustaining RAC's core programs. The event is designed to benefit diverse populations across Riverside County including low-income families, underserved youth, seniors, veterans, and emerging artists by removing barriers to arts participation and fostering inclusion.