

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



ITEM: 3.3
(ID # 29343)

MEETING DATE:
Tuesday, November 18, 2025

FROM : BOS DISTRICT 3

SUBJECT: BOS DISTRICT 3: Approve the Third District Unincorporated Communities Initiative project and direct the Executive Office to transfer \$56,263 from the Unincorporated Communities Fund to Riverside County Sheriff's Department to support project funding, District 3. [\$56,263 Total Cost – 100% UCI District 3 Fund 11250](4/5 Vote Required)

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

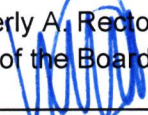
1. Approve the Third District Unincorporated Communities Initiative project outlined below;
and
2. Authorize use of Third District Unincorporated Communities Initiative funding in an amount not to exceed \$56,263, for the Riverside County Sheriff's Department to complete the Unincorporated Communities Initiative Project; and
3. Approve and Direct the Auditor Controller's Office to make the budget adjustments as detailed in the Schedule A referenced below.

ACTION:4/5 Vote Required, Policy

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Perez, 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: November 18, 2025
xc: BOS-D3

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	\$ 56,263	\$ 0	\$ 56,263	\$ 0
NET COUNTY COST	\$ 56,263	\$ 0	\$ 56,263	\$ 0
SOURCE OF FUNDS: 100% - UCI District 3 Fund 11250			Budget Adjustment: Yes	
			For Fiscal Year: 25/26	

BACKGROUND: 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 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 24, 2025, the Board adopted the FY25/26 Budget, which included the allocation of \$12,500,000 in NCC General Funds to the Unincorporated Communities Fund. The \$12,500,000 is 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, \$56,263 of the available UCI funding for the Third District will be allocated to the following project:

1. \$56,263 to Riverside County Sheriff's Department – Hemet Station Drone Program
 - a. Two (2) Skydio X10 Patrol UAS

IMPACTS TO RESIDENTS AND BUSINESS:

The project proposes to purchase two (2) Skydio patrol drones capable of 40-minute flight time with accessories packages that include additional batteries allowing for 24-hour use, transporting case that can deploy from the trunk of a Sheriff's unit, 64mp camera, 48mp camera, and thermal imaging with a resolution of 640 x 512px. These drones also have cellular connectivity for increased ability within rural areas.

The UAS program has been operating out of the Hemet station since 2022 and has flown over 420 missions. The Hemet Station serves a large geographic area, and the purchase of two drones will allow the team to cover multiple areas at once. UAS programs support responses to fires, missing persons, hiker rescues, and enhance the safety of deputies and citizens during tactical uses.

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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**SCHEDULE A
Riverside County Sheriff's Department
Hemet Station UAS Program UCI Contribution
Fiscal Year 2025/2026**

Increase Appropriations:

10000-2500300000-546160	Equipment-Other	\$56,263
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Increase Estimated Revenue:

10000-2500300000-790600	Contrib Fr Other County Funds	\$56,263
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