

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



**ITEM: 3.7
(ID # 30770)**

MEETING DATE:
Tuesday, June 23, 2026

FROM : BOS DISTRICT 3

SUBJECT: BOS DISTRICT 3: Approve the Third District Unincorporated Communities Initiative (UCI) projects and direct the Executive Office to transfer \$63,737 from the Unincorporated Communities Fund to the respective County Departments and organizations to support project funding, District 3. [\$63,737 Total Cost – 100% UCI District 3 Fund 11250](4/5 Vote Required)

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

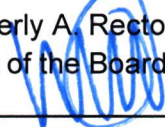
- 1) Approve the Third District Unincorporated Communities Initiative projects outlined below; and
- 2) Authorize use of Third District Unincorporated Communities Initiative funding in an amount not to exceed \$30,000 for Voices for Children to complete the Unincorporated Communities Initiative Project; and
- 3) Authorize use of Third District Unincorporated Communities Initiative funding in an amount not to exceed \$21,000 for the Department of Animal Services to complete the unincorporated Communities Initiative Project; and
- 4) Authorize use of Third District Unincorporated Communities Initiative funding in an amount not to exceed \$12,737 for the Nature Education Foundation to complete the Unincorporated Communities Initiative Project.

ACTION:4/5 Vote Required, Policy

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Perez, 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: June 23, 2026
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	\$ 63,737	\$ 0	\$ 63,737	\$ 0
NET COUNTY COST	\$ 63,737	\$ 0	\$ 63,737	\$ 0
SOURCE OF FUNDS: UCI District 3 Fund 11250 - 100%			Budget Adjustment: No	
			For Fiscal Year: 25/26	

BACKGROUND:

On November 17, 2020, the Riverside County Board of Supervisors (Board) directed the Executive Office to develop and implement an Unincorporated Communities Initiative (UCI). The UCI is a focused, ongoing, and coordinated effort to improve infrastructure and services provided to the residents of unincorporated communities, with emphasis on Disadvantaged Unincorporated Communities. The program is funded through the Unincorporated Communities Fund, which 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 24, 2025, the Board adopted the FY25/26 Budget, which included allocation of \$12,500,000 in NCC Funds to the Unincorporated Communities Fund, 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, \$63,737 of the available \$63,737 FY25/26 Third District UCI funding shall be allocated to the following projects:

- 1. \$30,000 to Voices for Children for CASA volunteer support.**
- 2. \$21,000 to the Riverside County Department of Animal Services for Mobile Vet Clinics.**
- 3. \$12,737 to The Nature Education Foundation for space renovation programming related to outdoor education, and environmental literacy.**

IMPACT TO RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES:

Voices for Children – CASA Volunteer Support

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Of Riverside County is a nonprofit organization that recruits, trains and supports community volunteers who advocate for children involved in the dependency court system. The proposed \$30,000 UCI allocation will fund services to ensure that each advocate is fully prepared to serve children in Riverside County's dependency system.

This investment covers targeted recruitment and thorough screening to identify committed volunteers who reflect the diversity and needs of our local community. Each volunteer completes a robust pre-service training program focused on California child welfare law, trauma-informed care, and the unique challenges facing children and families in Riverside County.

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Funding also supports continuing education opportunities to ensure volunteers remain informed about best practices and emerging needs within our region. Additionally, it covers administrative infrastructure required for thorough case documentation, data tracking, and coordination of services that help ensure each child's needs are consistently represented.

Department of Animal Services – Mobile Vet Clinics

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. The proposed \$21,000 will support 6 spay/neuter clinics in the Third District.

The Nature Education Foundation

For more than two decades, The Nature Education Foundation (TNEF) has worked to fulfill its mission to educate and empower youth to appreciate, preserve, and protect nature. Each year, The Nature Education Foundation provide hands-on environmental education experiences to approximately 8,000 students in grades 3–12 from ten school districts across our region. The proposed \$12,737 UCI allocation would support three efforts:

1. Transportation for students to outdoor learning sites such as the Santa Rosa Plateau Ecological Reserve.
2. Renovating the TNEF classroom used for educational programming.
3. Renovating office space used for volunteer training, community meetings, and administrative operations.