

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



ITEM: 3.32
(ID # 30618)

MEETING DATE:
Tuesday, June 09, 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 \$135,000 from the Unincorporated Communities Fund to the respective County Departments and organizations to support project funding, District 3. [\$135,000 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 \$80,000 for First 5 Riverside County Children & Families Commission to complete the Unincorporated Communities Initiative Project; and
- 3) Authorize use of Third District Unincorporated Communities Initiative funding in an amount not to exceed \$20,000 for Firehouse Family, Inc. to complete the Unincorporated Communities Initiative Project; and
- 4) Authorize use of Third District Unincorporated Communities Initiative funding in an amount not to exceed \$20,000 for RivCo Parks to complete the Unincorporated Communities Initiative Project; and
- 5) Authorize use of Third District Unincorporated Communities Initiative funding in an amount not to exceed \$15,000 to the Riverside County Probation Department to complete the Unincorporated Communities Initiative Project.

ACTION: 4/5 Vote Required, Policy


Supervisor Chuck Washington, Chair 6/4/2026

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost
COST	\$ 135,000	\$ 0	\$ 135,000	\$ 0
NET COUNTY COST	\$ 135,000	\$ 0	\$ 135,000	\$ 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, \$135,000 of the available \$198,737 FY25/26 Third District UCI funding shall be allocated to the following projects:

- 1. \$80,000 to First 5 Riverside County for swim lessons.**
- 2. \$20,000 to the RivCo Parks Department for the Outdoor Explore Event.**
- 3. \$20,000 to the Firehouse Family Inc. for the family retreat.**
- 4. \$15,000 to the Riverside County Probation Department for the CrossFit program.**

IMPACT TO RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES:

First 5 Riverside County – Swim Lessons

First 5 Riverside County will use UCI funding to expand water safety education and swim lesson access for children and families. Drowning remains a leading cause of injury-related death

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among young children, making water safety education and swim instruction critical prevention tools.

The proposed \$80,000 UCI allocation would support two key efforts:

1. \$30,000 to expand swim lesson access for children and families in the eligible service area
2. \$50,000 to train swim instructors and increase local capacity for water safety education

Together, these investments will provide immediate support to families while strengthening long-term community resources for drowning prevention. The funding is expected to create approximately 60 additional swim lesson opportunities for children and support instructor training within the Third District.

RivCo Parks – Outdoor Explore Program

The Riverside County Parks & Open Spaces will use the UCI funding to support the Outdoor Explore program, which helps make camping more accessible for families throughout the Third District, with a focus on low-income families and first-time campers. By removing barriers and providing hands-on support, Outdoor Explore helps families connect with nature and enjoy their local parks.

Firehouse Family, Inc. – Firehouse Retreat

The Firehouse Family, Inc. will use UCI funding to support the Firehouse Family Retreat, which promotes positive mental health and wellness for firefighters and their families. Through a whole-family approach, The Firehouse Family provides retreats, group outings, and wellness activities designed to support emotional well-being, reduce stigma around mental health, and strengthen family connections. These efforts help firefighters build resilience and continue serving their communities with strength and support.

Riverside County Probation Department - SJH CrossFit Program

The Riverside County Probation Department will use the UCI funding for equipment that will be used at the CrossFit-based fitness and wellness program within Southwest Juvenile Hall. The program seeks to:

- Improve physical health and overall wellness
- Promote emotional regulation and behavioral stability
- Develop discipline, accountability, and life skills
- Foster positive staff-youth relationships
- Support a culture of wellness and shared responsibility

For youth in custody, CrossFit provides a constructive outlet for stress, reinforces pro-social behavior, and aligns with trauma-informed, rehabilitation-centered best practices. Through measurable progress and structured routines, participants learn accountability, perseverance, and goal setting—skills that extend beyond physical training.