



AGENDA ITEM: 26-24

DATE OF MEETING: July 8, 2026

ACTION: ☒

INFORMATION: ☐

**APPROVE ACCEPTANCE OF RIVERSIDE COUNTY THIRD DISTRICT
UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE (UCI) FUNDS FOR
DROWNING PREVENTION SERVICES
[AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$80,000 – UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE
FUNDS]**

SUMMARY OF REQUEST

Approve the acceptance of an Unincorporated Communities Initiative (UCI) funds, approved by the Riverside County Board of Supervisors on June 9, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$80,000 for drowning prevention services in eligible Third District unincorporated communities. The funding will support two strategies: \$30,000 to expand access to swim lesson scholarships for children and families residing in eligible Third District unincorporated communities, and \$50,000 to support swim instructor training to increase local capacity for safe, accessible water safety instruction.

BACKGROUND

Drowning remains a leading cause of injury-related death among young children, and drowning prevention requires both immediate access to swim lessons and sustained community capacity to provide water safety instruction. First 5 Riverside County invests in drowning prevention strategies that connect families to swim lessons, water safety education, and resources intended to reduce drowning risk for young children.

On June 9, 2026, the Riverside County Board of Supervisors approved the use of Third District Unincorporated Communities Initiative funds in an amount not to exceed \$80,000 for First 5 Riverside County to support drowning prevention services. The allocation will support two complementary strategies: \$30,000 to expand access to swim lessons for children and families in eligible unincorporated service areas, and \$50,000 to support swim instructor training that increases local capacity to provide safe, accessible water safety instruction. Together, these investments provide immediate prevention support for families while strengthening the community infrastructure needed to reach more children over time.

First 5 Riverside County currently administers drowning prevention investments through community partners. Through its current partners, First 5 Riverside County has sponsored swim lessons for 2,184 children during Fiscal Year 2025-2026, including approximately 300 children in the Third District. The UCI investment will strengthen existing drowning prevention infrastructure by expanding direct access to swim lessons and increasing local instructional capacity through swim instructor training serving the Third District. Depending on final provider pricing, enrollment, and service area eligibility, the funding is expected to support approximately 50–60 additional swim lesson opportunities for children and families in eligible unincorporated communities. Eligibility will be determined based on residence in eligible Third District unincorporated communities, consistent with UCI funding requirements and any direction provided by the County Executive Office or Third District.

Prior Commission Action:

July 17, 2023 (Action Item 23-41): The Commission authorized acceptance of Community Improvement Designation (CID) funds for drowning prevention services, including infant survival swim lessons and provider capacity-building through instructor training in the Third District.

Consistent with First 5 Riverside County's statutory purpose and existing drowning prevention investments, services funded through this allocation will prioritize children prenatal through age five and their families.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

That the Commission:

1. Approve the acceptance of Riverside County Third District Unincorporated Communities Initiative (UCI) funds in an amount not to exceed \$80,000 for drowning prevention services, including swim lesson scholarships and swim instructor training for eligible Third District unincorporated communities; and
2. Authorize the Executive Director to execute the necessary contracts, documents, budget adjustments, and other necessary actions to expend the Unincorporated Communities Initiative (UCI) funds, subject to approval by County Counsel as to form, including contracts with third-party agencies that support drowning prevention services.

BUDGET IMPACT

Acceptance of additional revenue will be recognized through a formal budget adjustment with the Auditor-Controller after Commission approval and receipt of the UCI funds. (781480-25800-938001-92945).

STRATEGIC PLAN RELEVANCE

Goal Area 2 - Comprehensive Health & Development (92945)

POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Commissioner Chuck Washington, Riverside County Third District Supervisor

ATTACHMENTS

County of Riverside Board of Supervisors Form 11 – Item 3.32, ID #30618, approving Third District Unincorporated Communities Initiative project allocations