



Staff Report

File #: 22-0290

REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL ACTION

DATE: 04/06/2022

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Police Department

SUBJECT:

Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Indio regarding reimbursement of off-duty police officers and equipment at Coachella and Stagecoach Music Festivals.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The City Council will consider accepting and approving a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the City of Indio to use City of Corona off-duty law enforcement personnel and/or equipment at the Coachella Music Festival and Stagecoach Festival. The festivals are annual large-scale events held in the City of Indio. Agencies providing services are reimbursed at full overtime rates and for equipment utilized during the event at the flat fee amount noted in the agreement.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the City Council:

- a. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Indio for reimbursement funding for officer assistance at the Coachella Music Festival and Stagecoach Festival occurring in the City of Indio, and authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to execute the Memorandum of Understanding.
- b. Authorize a one-time appropriation to the Police Department's operating budget and an estimated revenue increase of approximately \$58,500, actual costs to be determined, from the unappropriated General Fund Balance to be reimbursed from the City of Indio.
- c. Authorize the Finance Director to adjust the budget accordingly based on actual costs incurred.

BACKGROUND & HISTORY:

The Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival (Coachella) is typically held in April in the City of Indio.

This festival features musical artists from many genres of music, including rock, pop, and electronic dance music as well as art installations and sculptures. The Stagecoach Festival (Stagecoach) is an annual festival usually held the weekend following Coachella. Stagecoach is seen as a “cousin” of Coachella and is centered on country music. The City of Corona’s Police Department staff worked the Coachella and Stagecoach Festivals in 2019. Due to COVID-19, both festivals in 2020 and 2021 were canceled. This would be the second year in which the Corona Police Department assists in providing public safety services to these events.

ANALYSIS:

The Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival is held over two consecutive weekends, Friday through Sunday, in the City of Indio. The Stagecoach Festival is held the weekend following Coachella. The Indio Police Department is tasked with providing public safety for these events that can draw over 210,000 attendees over the three weekends. The Indio Police Department seeks assistance from local and State law enforcement agencies throughout the region to provide public safety services.

Agencies providing services to the Indio festivals are reimbursed at full overtime rates and for equipment utilized during the event at the flat fee amount noted in the proposed MOU. In addition to reimbursement for the cost provided above, the City of Indio shall pay the City of Corona an administrative fee equal to two percent (2%) of the total amount to be reimbursed.

The Indio Police Department, other municipal police departments located in Riverside County, and the Riverside County Sheriff’s Department operate under a common MOU through the Riverside County Law Enforcement Administrators Constitution and By-Laws (RCLEAA). Contained within RCLEAA is policy R-019, the Interagency Peace Officer Consent Agreement (Policy 19). Policy 19 grants Peace Officer authority to participating agencies and affirms agreement to RCLEAA Guidelines Concerning Cross and Inter-Jurisdictional Investigations. This fosters interagency cooperation and allows for agencies to work in other jurisdictional boundaries.

The Corona Police Department has the available personnel to provide the requested services in the form of one police supervisor and up to six motorcycle officers without impacting staffing. The personnel assigned will be on regular days off. Any unanticipated staffing vacancies will be filled for the City of Corona prior to authorizing staffing for the concert events. Personnel assigned to the concert events will adhere to all Corona Police Department Policies.

During the festivals, the City of Corona will assume all risk of injury to its personnel and potential liability for its activities, which is typical when working under mutual aid agreements. Staff believes that such risk is acceptable, given the overall benefits provided when public agencies provide support and assistance to each other.

The MOU between the City of Corona and the City of Indio shall remain in effect unless terminated or modified. Each member has the ability to withdraw from the MOU with a seven-day notice, and all parties may agree to modify or terminate the MOU. The City of Corona City Attorney has reviewed and approved as to form the proposed MOU.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The one-time service will reimburse the General Fund for estimated expenditures as follows:

Police Staffing Expense	\$56,347
Equipment Expense	\$1,008
Administrative Fee	\$1,145
Project Total	\$58,500

GENERAL FUND	
Adopted Budget - FY 2022 Estimated Revenue Over Expenditures	\$ 14,593,660
Less Measure X Reserves	(13,144,418)
Previously Approved/Revised Budget Adjustments (Net)*	(40,723,585)
Current Estimated Revenue Over Expenditures	(39,274,343)
Memorandum of Understanding, City of Indio - Appropriation	(58,500)
Memorandum of Understanding, City of Indio - Revenue Increase	58,500
Revised Estimated Revenue Over Expenditures [Note 1]	\$ (39,274,343)
Budget Balancing Measures Reserve - Actual 06/30/2021	43,614,486
Estimated FY 2022 Change in Budget Balancing Measures Reserve	(39,274,343)
Estimated Budget Balancing Measures Reserve - 06/30/22	\$ 4,340,143

* Approved through Council Action or other operational process.

Note 1: Includes other General Fund items on the April 6, 2022 agenda.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

This action is exempt to Section 15061(b)(3) of the Guidelines for the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), which states that a project is exempt from CEQA if the activity is covered by the commonsense exemption that CEQA applies only to projects that have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the action in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA. This is merely an agreement to provide police services assistance aid to another jurisdiction and there is no possibility that adopting this resolution will have a significant effect on the environment. Therefore, no environmental analysis is required.

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REVIEWED BY: ROBERT NEWMAN, CHIEF OF POLICE

Attachments:

1. Exhibit 1 - Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Indio and the City of Corona