



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: FEBRUARY 25, 2025

FROM: POLICE DEPARTMENT WARDS: ALL

SUBJECT: INCREASE ANNUAL COMPENSATION FOR ADULT/ADOLESCENT FORENSIC SERVICES WITH THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,400, FOR A TOTAL ANNUAL AMOUNT OF \$121,200 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024/25

ISSUE:

Approve an increase in annual compensation for adult/adolescent forensic services with the County of Riverside in the amount of \$50,400, for a total annual amount of \$121,200 for fiscal year 2024/25.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council approve an increase in annual compensation for adult/adolescent forensic services with the County of Riverside in the amount of \$50,400, for a total annual amount of \$121,200 for Fiscal Year 2024/25.

BACKGROUND:

On July 19, 2022, the City Council authorized a payment to the County of Riverside in the estimated amount of \$174,000 for services rendered between January 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022, and approved the Professional Service Agreement for Adult/Adolescent Forensic Services with the County of Riverside for a one year term ending June 30, 2023, in the amount of \$70,800 with two optional one-year extensions in an annual amount of \$70,800 per year. Additionally, the City Council authorized the City Manager, or designee, to execute the two optional one-year extensions.

The Agreement to Reinstate, Amend, and Extend the Agreement for Professional Services was executed with a term of July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, in the amount of \$70,800.

The Second Amendment to the Agreement for Professional Services was executed with a term of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, in the amount of \$70,800.

DISCUSSION:

The County of Riverside, Riverside University Health Systems – Medical Center (RUHS-MC) provides professional personnel trained in examining sexual assault victims, victims of strangulation, and/or victims of interpersonal violence and other services that meet the evaluation and evidentiary needs of the Police Department for prosecution of sexual assault cases.

The locally negotiated rate per Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) forensic examination is \$1,200. The total cost was estimated to be \$70,800 for fiscal year 2024/25 but based on the growing number of SART forensic examinations that have occurred this year thus far, the Police Department estimates that an additional \$50,400 will be required, for a total annual amount of \$121,200 for fiscal year 2024/25.

The State of California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) reimburses the City for the cost of the examination up to \$911 for victims that are undecided about reporting the assault to law enforcement, at the time of an examination, and up to \$1,127 for victims that have determined to report the assault to law enforcement, at the time of the examination, to the extent that funds are available. The examinations must have occurred on, or after, July 1, 2021. All funds reimbursed by the State of California (State) are deposited into General Fund Account No. 3105000-341190. There is a delay in receiving reimbursement from the State and funds may not be received in the same fiscal year during which they are expended.

The Police Department is requesting that the City Council approve an increase in annual compensation for adult/adolescent forensic services with the County of Riverside RUHS-MC in the amount of \$50,400 for fiscal year 2024/25, for a total annual amount of \$121,200.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

This item contributes to Strategic Priority No. 2 Community Well-Being and Goal number No. 2.4 – Support programs and innovations that enhance community safety, encourage neighborhood engagement, and build public trust.

This item aligns with EACH of the five Cross-Cutting Threads as follows:

1. **Community Trust** – The Riverside Police Department is dedicated to improving quality of life by creating a safe environment in partnership with the people it serves. The Department's ability to partner with the County of Riverside and other local agencies serves to benefit the public safety of the City's diverse populations, and results in the greater public good.
2. **Equity** – The Riverside Police Department provides public safety services to all residents in the City of Riverside. The partnership between the Police Department and the County of Riverside helps provide equitable distribution of public safety services.
3. **Fiscal Responsibility** – The State of California Governor's Office of Emergency Services partially reimburses the City of Riverside for the cost of each exam lessening the burden on the General Fund.
4. **Innovation** – The Riverside Police Department must constantly change and adapt to meet the community's changing needs and prepare for the future. Partnerships with the County

of Riverside provide the Department with additional resources to achieve this goal.

- 5. Sustainability & Resiliency** – Regularly assessing the Riverside Police Departments services, making changes as needed and utilizing valuable partnerships with other agencies allows the Department to meet the needs of the present without compromising the needs of the future and ensures the City's capacity to preserves, adapt and grow.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The total fiscal impact of the action is \$50,400, for a total annual amount of \$121,200 for Fiscal Year 2024/25. Funds are budgeted and available in the General Fund, Police-Central Investigations, Professional Services Account No. 3130000-421000.

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Attachments:

1. Professional Service Agreement for Adult/Adolescent Forensic Services between the County of Riverside and the City of Riverside
2. Agreement to Reinstate, Amend, and Extend the Agreement for Professional Services
3. Second Amendment to the Agreement for Professional Services for Adult/Adolescent Forensic Services
4. State of California Governor's Office of Emergency Services Information Bulletin: Sexual Assault Medical Evidentiary Examination Reimbursement