



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: OCTOBER 4, 2022

FROM: POLICE DEPARTMENT WARDS: ALL

SUBJECT: FIFTH AMENDED AVIATION PROGRAM AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF CORONA IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$120,000 FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2022 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2023 - SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION

ISSUES:

Approve the Fifth Amended Aviation Program Agreement with the City of Corona to provide as-needed emergency air support services to the City of Corona for a one-year term for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 for a total amount of \$120,000 and authorize a supplemental appropriation in the same amount.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council:

1. Approve the Fifth Amended Aviation Program Agreement between the City of Riverside and the City of Corona for a one-year term for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 for a total amount of \$120,000;
2. With at least five affirmative votes, authorize an increase in revenues in the General Fund, Aviation Miscellaneous Revenue account in the amount of \$120,000 and appropriate expenditures in the amount of \$70,000 and \$50,000 to the General Fund, Aviation Unit – Non-Stock Inventory and Motor Fuels & Lubricants expenditure accounts, respectively; and
3. Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute the necessary contract documents with the City of Corona including making minor and non-substantive changes.

BACKGROUND:

The Riverside Police Department (RPD) Aviation Unit provides aerial support for ground operations in observing, preventing and interdicting criminal activity. In 2010, the RPD entered into an agreement with the City of Corona for use of helicopter equipment that was no longer being used due to the termination of Corona's Air Support Unit. This agreement had a term from October 27, 2015 to October 26, 2020.

Due to the costs associated with continuous maintenance and replacement of parts that have reached their runtime hours, the RPD has needed to limit the air time for the airships. In 2014, RPD explored alternate funding sources to complement the aviation budget for fuel and maintenance/ repair costs and negotiated an agreement with the City of Corona. In June 2014, the RPD entered into an agreement with Corona to provide air support services in the amount of \$399,291.91 annually.

In 2017, the RPD entered into the Second Amendment to the Helicopter Program Agreement to continue providing air support services in the amount of \$399,291.91 annually.

On July 10, 2018, the City Council approved the Third Amended Aviation Program Agreement with the City of Corona to provide as-needed emergency air support services to the City of Corona for a two-year term for the period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2020 for \$100,000 per fiscal year, for a total amount of \$200,000.

The Corona Police Department declined the use of air support services from the RPD for fiscal year 2020/21.

On September 7, 2021, the City Council approved the Fourth Amended Aviation Program Agreement with the City of Corona to provide as-needed emergency air support services to the City of Corona for a one-year term for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 for a total amount of \$120,000 and authorize a supplemental appropriation in the same amount.

DISCUSSION:

Recently, the City of Corona contacted the RPD to negotiate the use of air support services for fiscal year 2022/23. The RPD worked with the Corona Police Department to identify solutions to assist the City of Corona with air support services.

The proposed Fifth Amended Aviation Program Agreement will provide the City of Corona with 120 flight hours in as-needed emergency response support in an amount of \$120,000 for fiscal year 2022/23.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

This item contributes to Strategic Priority No. 2 Community Well-Being and Goal 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** – This Agreement supports the RPD Aviation Units primary purpose to provide aerial support for ground operations in observing, preventing, and interdicting criminal activity. Collaboration with the City of Corona expands this purpose to further ensure community well-being and build community trust.
2. **Equity** – RPD provides public safety services to all residents in the City of Riverside with support of the Aviation Unit. Collaborating with the City of Corona provides the Department the ability to patrol beyond the City borders to further support safety within the region.

- 3. Fiscal Responsibility** – The City of Corona will reimburse the RPD for 120 flight hours at a rate of \$1,000 per hour alleviating the burden on the General Fund.
- 4. Innovation** – The Agreement with the City of Corona allows RPD to be resourceful in meeting the community's needs by expanding the Aviation Unit services outside the City borders through a collaborative partnership.
- 5. Sustainability & Resiliency** – Providing services to the City of Corona allows the RPD to expand the reach of the Aviation Unit without compromising the needs of the City of Riverside while continuing to preserve the financial stability of the Aviation Unit.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The total fiscal impact of this action is \$120,000. Upon Council approval, the following increases in revenue and appropriations will be recorded, both in the total amount of \$120,000 for Fiscal Year 2022/23, as listed in the table below:

Fund	Program/Account Name	Account Number	Amount
Revenue			
General Fund	Police Aviation Unit – Misc. Revenue	3120000-374200	\$120,000
Expenditures			
General Fund	Police Aviation Unit - Non-Stock Inventory	3120000-424210	\$70,000
	Police Aviation Unit - Motor Fuels & Lubricants	3120000-426300	\$50,000

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 availability of funds: Edward Enriquez, Chief Financial Officer/City Treasurer
 Approved by: Edward Enriquez, Interim Assistant City Manager
 Approved as to form: Phaedra Norton, City Attorney

Attachment: Fifth Amended Aviation Program Agreement Between the City of Riverside and the City of Corona