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# City Council Memorandum

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**TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL                      DATE: SEPTEMBER 7, 2021**

**FROM: RIVERSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT                                      WARDS: ALL**

**SUBJECT: FOURTH AMENDED AVIATION PROGRAM AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF CORONA IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$120,000 FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2021 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2022 - SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION**

**ISSUES:**

Approve 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.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

That the City Council:

1. Approve the Fourth 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, 2021 through June 30, 2022 for a total amount of \$120,000;
1. Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to execute the necessary contract documents with the City of Corona including making minor and non-substantive changes; and
2. By 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 to Helicopter Maintenance and Repair account and \$50,000 to Motor Fuels and Lubricants account.

**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.

### **DISCUSSION:**

Recently, the City of Corona contacted the RPD to negotiate the use of air support services for fiscal year 2021/22. The RPD worked with the Corona Police Department in order to identify solutions to assist the City of Corona with air support services.

The proposed Fourth Amended Aviation Program Agreement with the City of Corona increases the annual cost of services to \$120,000 and provides for 120 flight hours for as-needed emergency response support for fiscal year 2021/22. Under the Fourth Amended Aviation Program Agreement, the City of Corona will no longer provide a full time Tactical Flight Officer to work as a crew member in the Riverside Aviation Division.

### **STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:**

This item contributes to Strategic Priority No. 2 *Community Well-Being* and Goal number No. 2.5 – Foster relationships between community members, partner organizations, and public safety professionals to define, prioritize, and address community safety and social service needs.

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 City.
3. **Fiscal Responsibility** – RPD financial resources will not be used to fund this Agreement. The City of Corona will reimburse the RPD for 120 flight hours at a rate of \$1,000 per hour for full cost recovery as determined by a recent cost analysis.

4. **Innovation** – The Agreement with the City of Corona allows RPD to be inventive and timely in meeting the community’s needs by expanding the Aviation Unit outside the City borders through a collaborative partnerships. It provides RPD with an additional tool to achieve the Department’s purpose.
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, record an increase revenue in the General Fund, Aviation Miscellaneous Revenue Account No. 3120000-374200 in the amount of \$120,000 and appropriate expenditures to Helicopter Maintenance and Repair Account No. 3120000-424210 in the amount of \$70,000 and to Motor Fuels and Lubricants Account No. 3120000-426300 in the amount of \$50,000 for fiscal year 2021/22.

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Availability of funds: Edward Enriquez, Chief Financial Officer/City Treasurer

Approved by: Lea Deesing, Assistant City Manager

Approved as to form: Phaedra Norton, City Attorney

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