

FY 2026-28 BIENNIEL BUDGET - CRITICAL NEED AUGMENTATIONS

Fund	Request Title	Justification	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30	2030/31	
Police								
General Fund	Public Safety Overtime	Increase Public Safety overtime to align with recent spending trends and account for additional negotiated salary increases.	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	
Measure Z	Public Safety Enterprise Communication System Rate Increase	The Riverside Police Department (RPD) migrated the public radio system to the Riverside County Public Safety Enterprise Communication System (PSEC) in 2015. The agreement was for 10 years with the first 5-year with no subscriber costs. Subscriber costs began in FY 20/21 at a reduced rate and a built in escalation of 6% per year through the end of the contract June 30, 2026. RPD currently has over 1,000 active radios when including handheld and in-car radios. In order to remain with PSEC, RPD will require additional budget to fund the new agreement.	\$528,258	\$1,388,064	\$1,388,064	\$1,388,064	\$1,388,064	
			Total	\$2,028,258	\$2,888,064	\$2,888,064	\$2,888,064	\$2,888,064
Fire								
General Fund	Firefighter Physicals	Members of the City of Riverside Fire Department routinely work in contaminated air environments and therefore must utilize respiratory protection according to Cal/OSHA Title 8, Section 5144. Additionally, because department members may be exposed to blood or other potentially infectious materials as part of their duties, the department is required to comply with Cal/OSHA Title 8, Section 5193. Finally, due to the potential exposure to Aerosol Transmissible Diseases, the department must also adhere to Cal/OSHA Title 8, Section 5199. A total of 231 physicals need to be completed with an average cost of \$800.00. This funding will support costs associated with these physicals.	\$184,800	\$190,433	\$196,054	\$201,935	\$207,994	
General Fund	Cardiac Monitors	Life Pak monitors are cardiac monitors and defibrillators used by the Riverside Fire Department to treat cardiac emergencies, monitor vital signs, analyze cardiac rhythms, and deliver electrical shocks. The current LP15 is nearing end-of-life and needs replacement. The LP35 monitor is the new replacement for the fire departments aging cardiac monitor. This funding will enable the department to lease 29 units.	\$313,200	\$313,200	\$313,200	\$313,200	\$313,200	
General Fund	Public Safety Enterprise Communication Project	The Department is required to obtain licensing for 44 radios in order to establish and maintain Emergency Medical Base Hospital communications. These communications are essential for transmitting and receiving medical orders for paramedics operating in the field. This requirement will be enforced in 2026, which has been formally mandated by Riverside County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) to ensure compliance with county-wide emergency response standards and to coordinate with pre-hospital patient care.	\$64,289	\$64,289	\$64,289	\$64,289	\$64,289	

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General Fund	Paramedic and EMT Licenses	The Riverside County Emergency Medical Services Agency has increased licensing fees for Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) and Paramedics. EMT fees increased from \$60 to \$200, and Paramedic fees increased from \$50 to \$200. These fees represent a required cost to recertify Fire Department personnel and maintain regulatory compliance.	\$46,000	\$46,000	\$46,000	\$46,000	\$46,000
General Fund	Riverside Fire Department Medical Director	The Fire Department is in need of a Medical Director to provide physician oversight and clinical leadership for all EMS operations, ensuring patient care meets established medical standards, regulatory requirements, and best practices. This role includes developing and approving medical protocols, supporting training and certification, guiding quality improvement and case review, advising on medical equipment and pharmaceuticals, and serving as a clinical liaison with hospitals and regional EMS partners to enhance patient outcomes and maintain the medical integrity of the department's EMS system. This is a Riverside EMS requirement for a medical program.	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
General Fund	Firefighting Personal Protective Equipment.	This funding supports enhancement to the current turnout gear replacement schedule, which is currently insufficient and should be revised from a four-year to a three-year rotation. Increased call volume, higher operational use, and expanded staffing are accelerating wear and reducing the service life of PPE. The cost increase reflects rising PPE prices, the need to outfit new personnel, and the reality that turnout gear is not consistently lasting a full four years. Moving to a three-year cycle better supports firefighter safety, operational readiness, and compliance with PPE standards.	\$451,500	\$451,500	\$451,500	\$451,500	\$451,500
Total			\$1,089,789	\$1,095,422	\$1,101,043	\$1,106,924	\$1,112,983

Finance

General Fund	Investment Management Services	The City's entered into a contract with Shuster Advisory Group, LLC to provide investment management services, including but not limited to: assisting with City's California Investment Policy review and monitoring, and its compliance with the State of California Local Agency Investment Guidelines; and advising the City's investment committee. Funding is needed to meet obligations of the existing agreement.	\$50,000	-	-	-	-
Total			\$50,000	-	-	-	-

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Public Works							
General Fund	Animal Services County Contract and City Programming	In 2025 the City entered into a new agreement with the County of Riverside for animal field and shelter services. That agreement included terms for the city to perform various community programming. This funding supports City obligations with that new agreement.	\$1,676,503	\$2,325,092	\$2,351,652	\$2,377,150	\$2,401,462
Total			\$1,676,503	\$2,325,092	\$2,351,652	\$2,377,150	\$2,401,462
Museum							
General Fund	Museum Reopening	The Main Museum is currently going through renovation and is anticipated to reopen in FY 2027/28. This request will support the reopening of the main Museum and includes 4.5 FTE, various professional service and operational costs. These costs are anticipated to be partially offset by admission, program, rental, and retail revenue.	-	\$1,389,825	\$1,431,522	\$1,474,468	\$1,518,702
Total			-	\$1,389,825	\$1,431,522	\$1,474,468	\$1,518,702
Parks, Recreation, and Community Services							
General Fund	Festival of Lights	In 2025 the City entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with Riverside Arts Council for the administration and management of Festival of Lights. This funding will help fulfil city funding obligations as part of that agreement.	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$400,000
Total			\$400,000	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$400,000
Citywide Total							
Total			\$5,244,550	\$8,098,403	\$8,172,281	\$8,246,606	\$8,321,211

FY 2026-28 BIENNIEL BUDGET - EXTENSION OF ONE-TIME FUNDING (GENERAL FUND)

Request Title	Justification	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30	2030/31
Community Development						
Economic Development Marketing & Implementation	This funding will support additional economic development implementation efforts and increased participation in conferences and promotional material to continue to attract businesses and economic development in the city. This is the same amount allocated to this purpose last fiscal year.	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$125,000
Total		\$125,000	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$125,000
Marketing and Communications						
Visit Riverside Campaign	Supports Visit Riverside consultant services, website management, social media, development of digital marketing strategy, billboards, online advertising, and print advertising. This represent half of the annual amount allocated to the Visit Riverside Campaign in the past two years.	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
Street Pole Banners\Flags	Support the ongoing maintenance and repair of existing banners within districts, as well as cover the costs associated with their regular installation and removal for holiday banners and flags. Street pole banners enhance the aesthetic appeal of each location and reflect the unique characteristics of the Ward. This is the same amount allocated to this purpose last fiscal year.	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
Riverside TV Content Curation	Supports video editing, script writing, and consulting services necessary to expand the use of Riverside TV and provide more robust, regular local programming relevant to residents and local businesses. This represent one-third of the annual amount allocated to this purpose in the past two years.	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
Promotional City Swag	Supports City branded promotional items for City events and conferences. This is the same amount allocated to promotional materials in the last two fiscal years.	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
City Branding Initiatives	Supports activities to attract businesses, investors, and a talented workforce. Advertising, print collateral, billboards, magazine ads, and other channels to promote the City's economic growth and development. This represent one-third of the annual amount allocated to this purpose in the past two years.	\$100,000	-	-	-	-
Total		\$430,000	\$330,000	\$330,000	\$330,000	\$330,000
Library						
Library Materials	This funding supports the ongoing purchase of books and materials to ensure there is a diverse collection of materials that meet the needs of the community. This is the same amount allocated to this purpose in the last two fiscal years.	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
Total		\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000

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Public Works						
Traffic Signal Cabinet Art Project	This funding continues efforts to paint traffic signal cabinets at various locations Citywide, with themes representing neighborhood identities and Riverside's rich history and natural beauty. This amounts represents approximately half of the annual amount provided in the last two fiscal years.	\$15,000	-	-	-	-
Irrigation Supplies, Repair, and Replacement	This funding supports ongoing efforts to repair and replace landscape irrigation.	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000
Total		\$315,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000
Museum						
Museum Education Overtime	This funding supports overtime costs for museum programs that are often on weekends and evening, when audiences and visitors are available.	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
Total		\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
Citywide Total						
Total		\$1,420,000	\$1,305,000	\$1,305,000	\$1,305,000	\$1,305,000