

Museum of Riverside Five-Year Strategic Plan 2022-2027

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Mission

As a center for learning, the Museum of Riverside interacts with the community to collect, preserve, explore, and interpret the cultural and natural history of Riverside and its region.

Plan Background

Envision Riverside 2025 - the City's Strategic Plan

The Museum of Riverside (Museum) has been a department of the City of Riverside since its founding in 1924. The City is pivotal to the past and future success of the Museum. It is the largest single funder of the Museum and wholly owns six properties overseen by the Museum. The Museum must remain sensitive to government relationships and mindful of the need for nimble and creative planning to adjust to realities that may affect Museum funding and operations.

In October 2020, Riverside City Council approved a new strategic plan for the City. Its strategic priorities are both idealistic and practical:

- ✓ Arts, Culture, and Recreation
- ✓ Community Well-Being
- ✓ Economic Opportunity
- ✓ Environmental Stewardship
- √ High-Performing Government
- ✓ Infrastructure, Mobility, and Connectivity

Each priority is to be informed by the following cross-cutting threads:



- ✓ Community Trust
- ✓ Equity
- √ Fiscal Responsibility
- ✓ Innovation
- ✓ Sustainability and Resiliency

The Museum's activities inherently support the City priority titled Arts, Culture, and Recreation. Further, the Museum can play a large role in enhancing Community Well-Being. While the Museum is not the driver of the City's other priorities, it can contribute to all. Further, insofar as the Museum's activities contribute to more general goals supporting education, tourism, and creative placemaking, the Museum can be a key player.

Museum-Specific Assessments

The Museum Department continues a multi-year process of addressing concerns raised by professional assessments and reviews conducted in 2016 and 2017 by the American Alliance of Museums' Re-Accreditation Visiting Committee and by Museum Management Consultants, Inc., San Francisco. These reports contain valid recommendations that remain to be implemented. This symbol $- \lozenge$ —indicates actions that address those recommendations.

The museum field as a whole is also guided by the American Alliance of Museums' (AAM) own <u>strategic plan</u>. The principles and goals it foregrounds will continue to inform the Museum's goals. The AAM's priorities include Social & Community Impact, DEAI & Anti-racism, the Museum Community, and the Way We Work.



Introduction

Renewal of Museum's Five-Year Plan

The Museum of Riverside approaches the renewal and extension of its five-year Strategic Plan (Plan) with the goal of adjusting it to the delays to some of the Museum's most important goals caused by the pandemic that began in March 2020. Some of the actions in the 2019-2024 plan have been completed, and the Museum remains broadly committed to the ideals and longer-term goals stated in that version of the Plan.

Institutional evolution and change in the coming five-year period pivot on four key functions:

- ✓ Renovation, Expansion, and Access
 - o Main Museum
 - o Harada House and Interpretive Center
 - o Heritage House
- ✓ Inspiring and Connecting
 - o Celebrating a Century
 - o Outreach, Identity, and Engagement
 - o Education and Digital Resources
- √ Stewardship
 - o Collections Management
 - Supporting Community
 - Supporting Scholarship
- ✓ Maximizing Resources
 - o Growing the Museum Team
 - o Diversifying Revenue



New Plan for 2022 through 2027

The Strategic Plan for fiscal years 2022-2023 through 2026-2027 emphasizes goals that advance the Museum beyond its baseline activities and responsibilities. The Plan is the result of multiple discussions between August 2021 and March 2022 among staff, the Museum of Riverside Board, the Riverside Museum Associates, the Harada House Foundation, other City staff, and stakeholders who are eager for the return of a fully operational and accessible Museum of Riverside. The Museum recommits to its mission and its many communities. Many of the goals and initiatives in this Plan are unique to the unusual circumstances prevailing when it was written and are aimed to continue the multi-year process of institutional overhaul and reinvention that began in 2017. This process aims to equip the Museum to serve 21st-century audiences and enter its second century of operation. The actions are 1) integral to larger goals and professional ideals, 2) central to effective Museum operations, 3) future-focused, and 4) aspirational. The Plan reaffirms the Museum's goal to serve as a center for learning and as an indispensable community cultural resource.

Some assumptions underlie this Plan. First, genuine program growth and achieving best practices in all areas where they were previously lacking will require additional resources, staff in particular. Second, actions in this Plan that entail exploratory research may not necessarily result in the decision to implement a new exhibition, program, or project. Third, programs and activities that are not supported by existing resources—including human resources—may not be pursued even if they align closely with the Museum's mission.

Staff are indicated by name for positions that are filled at this time this Plan is approved. Positions not filled are indicated by title. Responsibility for actions tied to vacant positions filter up to the filled position above. When new staff are recruited, revisions will be made during quarterly status reports. Advisory bodies indicated are those directly associated with the Museum and established to provide support solely to the Museum. It is understood that other City departments and individuals will play advisory and other roles who may not all be named in this Plan.

- Indicates a staff position not created and / or filled at the time of Plan approval. Until the position is filled, responsibility reverts to the individual to whom that absent staffer would have reported. Positions not filled will result in modification of plan goals, timetables, or both.
- Supports a recommendation from the 2016-2017 Museum Management Consultants' assessment and/or the AAM Re-Accreditation Visiting Committee's report.
- Information in green in the Financial Impact column indicates an action for which revenues may exceed or partially offset costs. green =
- Riverside Museum Associates RMA =

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Harada House Foundation

¹ The Plan does not describe ongoing activities and community collaborations fundamental in any year, nor does it restate position descriptions or professional standards.



Quick Reference to Strategic Priorities

Renovation, Expansion, Access	Inspiring and Connecting	Stewardship	Maximizing Resources
Main Museum renovation and expansion	Centenary exhibition in 2024	Further implementation of TMS Collections	Inclusively create new vision and core values statements
New Nature Lab	Additional centenary programs and promotion in 2024	Complete collection relocation and plans for rehousing	Align staffing structure with museum-field best practices
Proactive exhibition planning	Complete implementation of new Museum brand	Address environmental conditions in collections storage	Establish training in emergency preparedness, object handling, and customer service
Harada House rehabilitation	Community mini-exhibitions	All-sites security audit	Expand volunteer recruitment
Harada House documentary	Effective program evaluation	Develop long-range conservation plan and do most urgent treatments	Create new staff team dedicated to advancement and fundraising
Harada House Interpretive Center	Maintain community advisory teams	Prioritization of access in collecting and program development	Develop a "donor circle" program
Heritage House site enhancements	Expand botanical partnerships	Develop Indigenous advisory team	Support the Museum's 501(c)(3) organizations.
Heritage House historic structures report	Community event participation	Participate in collaborative online collection databases.	Implement a comprehensive fee schedule
Heritage House expanded public access	Prepare in 2026 for reaccreditation review		
Heritage House furnishings goals	Expand educational outreach		
	New educational partners		
	Youth programs		
	Revitalized docent program		
	Expand university internships		
	Adult program development		
	Digital program development		



Strategic Goal: RENOVATION, EXPANSION, AND ACCESS

As of the initial date of this plan, only one of the Museum's four sites intended for public access is accessible—Heritage House. The highest priorities of the Museum include 1) completing the renovation, expansion, and reopening of the main museum, 2) opening for the first time Harada House and its Interpretive Center, 3) expanding and improving access to Heritage House, and 4) expanding program outreach to the community. A re-envisioning of the main museum began in 2019 and has passed through a key approval stage, the Budget Engagement Commission. In July 2021, the fundraising goal for Harada House was achieved, which permits the rehabilitation to proceed, including its Interpretive Center.

Key actions center on:

- ✓ Main Museum
- ✓ Harada House and Interpretive Center
- ✓ Heritage House

Action	Staff point person(s)	Outside advisory / partners	Financial impact O=operating C=capital	Timetable A=immediate B=mid-plan C=end of plan	Target audience	Measurable success criteria	Envision Riverside 2025 alignment
Main Museum: Implement renovation and expansion of Mission Inn Avenue site, including grounds and all planned and necessary support functions. Includes plan and protocols for operation.	Director, Operations Mgr.	General Services Department, Board, Museum's advisory design team	C = Construction estimated at \$22 million. Project costs estimated at \$32 million. Current allocation from Measure Z is \$13.7 million; potential one- time revenue through sale of naming rights.	A, B, C	All audiences	 Renovated and expanded site is opened by 31 December 2026: on time, on budget, and to acclaim. No more than 10% of staff time is expended resolving unanticipated operational and procedural issues arising in the first year after reopening. 	Workplan action 1.1.3, 4.1.3

Status: Resumption of project approved by City Council on 4 October 2022, including approval of borrowing authority up to \$35 million. After issue of purchase order, kick-off meeting with full team held 20 December 2022. Weekly meetings between Museum administration and General Services project manager initiated. Staff researching and refining needs assessment. Meeting approximately weekly with the architects, who have held several onsite visits with all staff. The schematic design phase is complete. Project is on schedule with architectural design to be completed by the end of 2023.



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Main Museum – Nature	Curator of	Natural history	O = staff time,	A, B, C	All audiences	 Nature Lab on the Go, to 	Workplan actions				
Lab:	Natural	colleagues	\$6,000-\$8,000			be launched first, works	1.1.3, 1.1.4, 1.2.1,				
Develop plan for Nature	History,		annually;			toward a goal of 2,500	1.2.2, 1.2.3, 1.5.4				
Lab including ongoing	Assoc.		sponsorship			contacts annually.					
programming, plan for	Education		support is likely			Public satisfaction with the					
drop-in use, and mobile	Curator,					new Nature Lab in the					
Nature Lab (Nature Lab	Education					renovated main museum					
on the Go).	Curator					exceeds 90%. Attendance in					
						first three years of operation					
						demonstrates steadily					
						increasing use.					
	Status: Nature Lab On-the-Go informally part of several public events; sub-branding completed. Additional kit still to be finalized. Regarding Nature Lab in the new building, see description of plan to issue RFP immediately below. Curator of Natural History has developed further thematic refinements for new Nature Lab.										
Main Museum -	Director,	Museum's	O = \$150,000 to	B, C	All audiences	Three exhibitions reopen	Workplan actions				
Exhibitions:	*Mgr. of	program	\$250,000			the downtown site on time	1.1.3, 1.1.4, 1.2.1,				
Schedule and implement	Curatorial	advisory team,	C = tentatively set			and on budget.	1.2.2, 1.2.3, 1.5.2,				
three exhibitions to	Services	exhibition	at \$500,000 to			 A broad cross-section of 	1.5.4, 3.4.2				
reopen the Mission Inn		design firm,	\$750,000 for			the community and clear					
Avenue site memorably.		guest curators	mobile walls and			majority of visitors respond					
Im/migration			cases within			positively to reopening					
 Food traditions 			renovation			exhibitions.					
 Riverside vignettes 			project								
Status: An RFP for the ser	vices of an exhib	ition design firm (in	nclusive of interpretiv	e planning and	fabrication) is unde	r review by Purchasing and has i	not yet been issued.				
						reopening exhibitions and the N					
Harada House:	Director,	General	O = staff time, C =	A, B, C	All audiences,	Harada House	Workplan actions				
◊ • Complete the	Operations	Services	seven-figure		especially	rehabilitated to Secretary of	1.1.4, 1.2.1, 1.2.2,				
rehabilitation of Harada	Mgr., Curator	Department,	budget TBD, the		Japanese	the Interior Standards and	1.2.3, 1.5.2, 1.5.4,				
House.	of Historic	Board, Harada	funding for which		American, civil	industry's best practices by	2.4.1, 2.4.6				
• Refurnish the house.	Structures	House Project	has been secured		rights, public	30 June 2026.					
Develop operational	History	Team, Harada			historians.						



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plan and open the house		House				• Site is opened to the public,				
to the public.		Foundation				and public satisfaction with the site exceeds 90%.				
Status: Architects IS Architecture began work after approval of their agreement for services on 5 July 2022. Onsite work has included engaging a team to complete 3D laser scans of Harada House and the future Interpretive Center (existing structure), selective investigative demolition, a new survey, and contracting with other specialists. Team meetings occur twice monthly. IS Architecture has issued a site analysis and are approaching the completion of the design development phase (DDs).										
Harada House:	Director,	Harada House	O = staff time; six-	A, B, C	All audiences,	Documentary is completed	Workplan actions			
Oversee production of	Curator of	Project Team,	figure budget for		especially	within six months of public	1.2.1, 2.4.6			
documentary of the	Historic	Harada House	documentarian		Japanese	opening of the house.				
rehabilitation process	Structures	Foundation	TBD; grant and		American, civil	 It is distributed widely and 				
and the Harada story.	History		sponsorship		rights, public	earns critical praise.				
			potential		historians.					
			vill act as the staff's rep	oresentative to	ensure that the Mu	iseum issues a competent RFP fo	or these services. A			
draft RFP is undergoing r Harada House	Director,	General	O = staff time; C =	A, B	All audiences,	Satisfactory completion of	Workplan actions			
Interpretive Center:	Operations	Services	CDBG ² funding	A, D	especially	project following Secretary	1.1.4, 1.2.1, 1.2.2,			
Reconstruct the site	Mgr., Curator	Department,	(\$340,028);		Japanese	of the Interior's standards by	1.2.3, 1.5.2, 1.5.4,			
f.k.a. Robinson House.	of Historic	Board, Harada	additional costs		American, civil	30 June 2024.	2.4.1, 2.4.6, 4.1.3			
Includes developing	Structures	House Project	anticipated to be		rights, public	Public satisfaction is	2.4.1, 2.4.0, 4.1.3			
initial Harada-related	History	Team, Harada	covered by		historians.	expressed regarding the				
exhibition.	Thistory	House	Harada campaign		motorians.	opportunity to view Harada				
CAMBICION		Foundation	revenues			site under rehabilitation.				
Status: Architects IS Arch	hitecture began w	<u> </u>		r services on 5	Julv 2022. Onsite w	ork has included engaging a team	n to complete 3D			
						ent stage (DDs). Planning for the				
the Interpretive Center v				•	,					
		General	O = staff time	A, B, C	All audiences,	Paths are addressed	Workplan actions			
Heritage House:	Director,	General	O - Stall tille	\neg , \Box , \subset	All addictices,	• I atilis al c addi csscu	VVOI KPIAIT ACTIONS			
Heritage House: Continue addressing	Operations	Services	O - Stair time	Λ, Β, C	site volunteers,	satisfactorily, including	1.1.4, 1.1.5, 1.2.1,			

² CDBG = Community Development Block Grants, a federal grant program



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structural and site enhancement needs, as identified on CIP and internal lists. Includes redoing paths, fencing, wayfinding, and security.	of Historic Structures History, Facilities		C = CDBG funding for paths (\$321,092) O/C = specific project costs TBD C = signage on parallel track with all-site wayfinding		such as Dickens Festival organizers	signage, by 30 November 2022. • Prioritized plan to address additional projects established by 31 December 2022 for completion by 30 June 2027.	1.2.2, 1.2.3, 1.4.1, 1.5.2, 1.5.4			
Status: The major project of repainting the entire house, including completing small wood repairs, was completed in October 2022. The remaining major project is resurfacing the paths, which is slated for summer 2023 and is on schedule. A draft of wayfinding needs is in preparation; settling on a signage design approach incorporating the new brand is TBD.										
Heritage House: Obtain historic structures report.	Curator of Historic Structures History	RMA	O = consultant cost estimated at \$25,000	В	Internal	Completed report is in hand by 30 June 2024.	Workplan action 1.2.2			
Status:	,									
Heritage House: Secure resources necessary to increase open hours at Heritage House.	Director, Curator of Historic Structures History	RMA, City volunteer program	O = staff time; may require new part-time or temporary staff; modest increased admissions / donations revenue	A, B	Audiences seeking historic house experiences	Additional staffing (volunteer or paid) is approved, recruited, trained, and in place to increase hours by one day per week by seasonal reopening in September 2024.	Workplan actions 1.1.4, 1.2.1, 1.2.2, 1.2.3, 1.4.1, 1.5.2, 1.5.4			
Status: Not currently fund	ded.									
Heritage House – Collections: Develop comprehensive plan for interpretation,	Curator of Historic Structures History	Collections Committee, RMA	O = staff time, archival storage supplies, and possible software	A, B, C	Internal; tour audiences for room books	 Furnishings plan done by 31 December 2023. Digital room books by 30 June 2024. 	Workplan actions 1.2.1, 1.5.2			



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care, and enhancement of furnishings: • Furnishings plan • Digital room books • ◊ Inventory • Storage plan			costs for digital room books			 Full inventory of props and collections completed by 30 June 2025. Storage plan implemented by 30 June 2026. 	

Status: Awaits hire of the Curator of History.

Strategic Goal: INSPIRING and CONNECTING

The Museum's 100th anniversary is a one-time opportunity that can no longer be anticipated to be celebrated in a new downtown museum building. A high priority is developing multiple ways to celebrate this milestone throughout the anniversary year 2024. Prolonged closure of the Museum's main site also demands additional emphasis on reaching our communities beyond our walls, including re-envisioning what an "exhibition" is, reconsidering communications, adapting educational programming for use both on- and off-site, and meaningful evaluation. These may include experiential learning opportunities such as drop-in programs outdoors, curriculum-based school tours, camps conducted at Parks or Library facilities, special events, lectures, performances, and other informal enrichment programs.

Key actions center on:

- ✓ Celebrating a Century
- ✓ Outreach, Identity, and Engagement
- ✓ Education and Digital Resources



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Celebrating a Century - Exhibitions: Secure a site partner to permit curation of an exhibition highlighting the collections to mark the centenary (2024).	Director, all senior staff/team leaders	Museum's program advisory team, site partner TBD	O = staff time; early estimate \$125,000 for exhibition; sponsorship potential	A, B	All audiences	 Exhibition plan finalized, with checklists and scripts, by 30 June 2023. Fundraising success by 31 December 2023. All City departments and partners playing a part have integrated the Museum's 100th into their own annual plans for 2024. An innovative centenary exhibition opens to acclaim in the second half of 2024. 	Workplan actions 1.2.1, 1.2.2, 1.2.3, 1.5.2, 3.4.2
curatorial work is under v	way finalizing the t	thematic approach,	locating and prepar	ing objects, and	drafting script. A pr	our partner's countersignature. eliminary object list has been dr iicant progress upon hire of Exhi	awn up, and a
Celebrating a Century - Programming: Finalize programming and partnerships to mark centenary (2024). To include events, mini- exhibitions, educational programs, and market- ing. May include presence in libraries aimed at children.	Director, all senior staff/team leaders	Museum's program advisory team, cultural directors' consortium, collaborative partners TBD	O = staff time; \$100,000 for other programming and collateral; sponsorship potential	A, B	All audiences, school districts	 Plan is developed by 30 June 2023, including calendaring all 2024 programming. Fundraising success is achieved by 31 December 2023. All staff are clear about their roles to execute all programs on schedule during 2024. Each element achieves at least a 90% audience satisfaction rate. 	Workplan actions 1.1.4, 1.2.1, 1.2.2, 1.2.3, 1.5.2, 3.4.2



the Arlington branch of the library is under way.

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Status: Staff have settled on the programs and promotions that are feasible to complete with our small team. They include the exhibition at the Center for Social Justice and Civil Liberties (to include a small publication) and a calendar of "100 Programs," which will include in-person and digital programs at a level representing about a 50% increase over our baseline programming level. A citywide banner program featuring objects from the collection may not be achievable with our staffing resources. Achieving all goals is dependent upon successful staff recruitments currently under way.											
Outreach, Identity, and Engagement – Branding: Complete implementation of new Museum brand. Includes overhaul of website with a plan for maintaining it.	Director, *Mgr. of Institutional Advancement	City Marketing Department, Museum's advisory rebranding team, Board	O = Staff time; initial costs estimated at \$50,000 associated with formatting, fabrication, printing; additional TBD for wayfinding signage	A, B	All audiences	 New brand is applied to digital communications, printed materials, internal documents, and signage by or before the main site reopening. ADA-compliant website is completed by 31 December 2022, is easily updatable by staff, and achieves at least a 90% positive response. 	Workplan action 1.2.4				
Status: Ongoing. Progre resolve.	ss on the website t	that was anticipate	d in Q3 did not occui	r. Staff at work	with City's Marketin	g Department and the City Mar	nager's Office to				
Outreach, Identity, and Engagement – Exhibitions: Develop and install mini-exhibitions with fresh design in key community locations.	*Mgr. of Curatorial Services	Museum's program advisory team	O = \$2,000- \$10,000 each, implementing one to two per year; grant potential	A, B, C	Prioritize under- served neighbor- hood locations	 At least one new or renewed mini-exhibition is installed annually up to a maximum of five maintained at any given time. A schedule of additional exhibitions is confirmed at least one year in advance of work commencing. To May 2023. A second mini-mage 	Workplan actions 1.2.1, 1.2.2, 1.2.3, 1.5.2, 3.4.2				

of grizzlies in southern California is in development for a location TBD, probably on the west side of town. A disintegrating citrus-themed mini-exhibition at Bobby Bonds was removed; it had served four years after having been designed for a single two-week use at the Convention Center in 2018. An update of the citrus-themed cases in



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Outreach, Identity, and Engagement – Evaluation: Improve evaluative tools, including an	*Mgr. of Institutional Advancement, *Mgr. of Curatorial	Marketing Department	O = staff time	A, B, C	Exhibition visitors, program users, event attendees, internal	 Surveys provide statistically valid feedback that usefully informs program (re)development. Programs achieve 90% 	Workplan actions 1.2.1, 1.2.2, 1.4.1, 1.5.2, 1.5.4, 2.4.2
effective audience survey mechanism and staff-level pre- and post-program assessments.	Services					audience satisfaction, and staff experience reduction in last-minute surprises and programs that do not meet goals.	
Status: Under discussion meetings. A process for e						sessments occur informally in co	uratorial team
Outreach, Identity, and Engagement – Community: Maintain advisory teams: • renovation (until reopening) • programs • marketing • cultural consortium • ad hoc, as required	Director	All team members	O = staff time	A, B, C	Current and eventual post- reopening audiences	Advisory teams are perceived as representative of the community. Input from these teams informs program implementation. Teams opt to develop new goals so that they maintain relevance and community service after conclusion of specific exhibitions or programs.	Workplan actions 1.2.1, 1.2.2, 1.2.3, 1.5.2, 2.4.2, 2.4.6

Status: Resumption of main museum design work and new versions of the website to critique will trigger reactivation of the design and marketing team. Both were anticipated long before Q3, but only the main museum project made progress. Staff scheduled a joint meeting of the Design Advisory Team and the Marketing and Branding Team for early April 2023. The program team and the cultural consortium meet approximately every other month.



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Outreach, Identity, and	Curator of	Parks Depart-	O = staff time	С	Audiences	 Mutual benefit among 	Workplan actions
Engagement –	Natural	ment, RivCo			enthusiastic	partners is perceived.	1.2.1, 1.2.2, 1.2.3,
Community:	History	Parks, UCR,			about botany and	 Economies of scale are 	1.5.2
Expand botanical		water district,			parks	realized in the execution of	
partnerships in City		Riverside-				programs.	
and County regional		Corona				Popularity of Museum-	
parks. Including "bio-		Resource				based reference resources	
days," naturalist walks,		Conservation				on native plants and urban	
and digital programs.		District				wildlife can be documented.	
		(RCRCD)					
Status: Two to three nat History led a skull identit					a prelude to a more r	egular schedule in the future. C	urator of Natural
Outreach, Identity, and	Education	Arts & Cultural	O = staff time;	A, B, C	Target audience	 Measurably improved 	Workplan actions
Engagement –	Curator, all	Affairs,	direct project		varies according	project execution with	1.1.2, 1.2.1, 1.2.2,
Community:	senior staff	community	costs based on		to event theme	enriched educational	1.2.3
Identify staff liaisons		advisory teams	collaborative			content.	
for effective partici-			projects pursued			Smooth-running logistical	
pation in collaborative			each FY			support.	
events such as Insect			(anticipating a			Maximum public clarity	
Fair, Tamale Festival,			maximum of two			regarding museum's role	
Día de los Muertos, and			per FY);			(lead or contributing).	
similar. Assess capacity			sponsorship			Increased attendance and	
for participation in			potential			media coverage.	
others' events.							

Status: During Q1, few opportunities to participate in events organized by others occurred. During the summer heat, fewer events are offered. Due to a conflict with the Museum's own Moon Festival on 10 September 2022, staff were unable to participate in the Tamale Festival this year. During Q2 and in addition to the Museum's own programming, staff participated in Explore Riverside Together, Love Riverside, Long Night of Arts and Innovation, a networking event at La Sierra University, the Mission Inn Run, a UCR Community Fair, Snow Day at Bordwell Park, an outreach program at Twain Elementary, and others. In Q3, staff executed the Museum's own programs and planned for a busy Q4 while participating in few events organized by others.



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Outreach, Identity, and	Director	All team	O = staff time;	С	Museum	 Preparation begins mid- 	General
Engagement – The		members	some costs may		professional	2026.	alignment with
Museum Community:			be incurred		community	Self-study is successfully	Arts, Culture and
Pursue reaccreditation			addressing minor			submitted by due date of 1	Recreation and
successfully.			operational			July 2027, at the end of this	High-Performing
			upgrades			Plan.	Government priorities
						Museum is subsequently reaccredited.	priorities
	23, which was subr	mitted and accepted	d. An additional inter	rim report was	requested by 15 Apri never occurs first.	request for an additional interior 12024, and the Museum now at Partnerships are	
Resources - Outreach	Curator, Assoc.	contacts,	modest costs for	A, B, C	Educators, schoolchildren,	Partnerships are maintained through active	1.2.1, 1.2.2, 1.2.3,
Education:	Education	museum's	printed and		parents	communications.	2.4.1, 2.4.2, 2.4.6
Proactively expand	Curator	program	digital materials;		parents	Cost-sharing is	2.4.1, 2.4.2, 2.4.0
educational outreach	Carator	advisory team	cost-sharing			negotiated, as feasible.	
to school districts,		,	revenue to be			Progress is reported	
private schools, and			pursued			quarterly on establishing	
home schoolers.						Museum's role in aiding	
Survey potential						educators with ethnic	
partners to ascertain						studies mandates.	
needs:						Partner feedback	
 curriculum-based, 						indicates that Museum	
especially ethnic						partnerships assist	
studies						educators in meeting their	
after-school						own curriculum mandates.	
• transportation			4.4				
Status: Awaits hire of As	sociate Educator, I	who will begin on 1	4 April 2023.				



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Education and Digital Resources – Outreach Education: Develop at least one new outreach partner per year, targeting special needs groups.	Education Curator, Assoc. Education Curator	Partner groups, program advisory team	O = staff time; modest costs for printed, digital, and program materials; grant and sponsorship potential	A, B, C	Project Bridge, Sherman Indian School, deaf community, senior centers, juvenile detention centers, and similar	 Partnerships are maintained through active communications. Grant or sponsorship support is obtained for a portion of these special outreach programs. 	Workplan actions 1.2.1, 1.2.2, 1.2.3
Status: Awaits hire of Ass	sociate Educator, ı	who will begin on 1	4 April 2023.				
Education and Digital Resources – Youth Engagement: Research and prepare a proposal for a junior curators' program and/or a youth advisory team.	Education Curator	Partner groups, program advisory team	O = staff time	В	High school students	A defensible proposal is created by or before 30 June 2023 that recommends proceeding or not proceeding with such a program and why.	Workplan action 1.2.1, 1.2.2, 1.2.3, 3.2.3
Status:							
Education and Digital Resources - Docents: Revitalize docent program: • Heritage House (immediately) • main museum (to sync with reopening)	Education Curator	RMA	O = staff time, consulting costs for guest presenters / trainers	A, B, C	Docents and, by extension, visitors	 By main museum reopening, size of docent corps increases by 25% over 2017 levels. Docent training program is year-round. Docents' positive response rate is at least 75%. Attrition due to causes other than health, age, or relocation declines. 	Workplan actions 1.2.1, 1.2.2, 1.2.3, 1.5.2



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<u> </u>		age House touring o	docents is undergoin	g steady refine	ment under the leade	ership of the Museum Educator.	Involvement of the
eventual Curator of History				T	T		
Education and Digital	*Mgr. of	UCR, CBU, La	O = staff time	A, B, C	University	Museum is able to secure	Workplan actions
Resources -	Curatorial	Sierra, RCCD,			students in	and support a minimum of	1.2.1, 1.2.2, 1.2.3,
Internships:	Services	University of La			anthropology,	two interns each academic	3.2.3
Broaden university		Verne			natural history,	term.	
internship program;					history, ethnic		
proactively define					studies		
scope of opportunities.							
						y of internship opportunities wi	
						o applicants for fall 2022. Two	interns from UCR
will work with staff durin	g the winter-sprin	g 2023 term, and a	third will be on boar	d for late spring	g 2023.		
Education and Digital	*Mgr. of	Museum's	O = staff time;	С	Adult lifelong	 Prior to reopening, at 	Workplan actions
Resources - Adult	Curatorial	program	fees and travel		learners, ages 18	least six programs annually	1.2.1, 1.2.2, 1.2.3
Programs:	Services	advisory team	expenses up to		through senior	are successfully offered.	
Further develop adult			\$1,000 per			 After reopening, at least 	
programming.			program; modest			twelve programs annually	
			participation fee			draw an average audience	
			revenue; limited			of at least 25 and a positive	
			sponsorship			response rate of at least	
			potential			90%.	
Status:							
Education and Digital	Education	Museum's	O = staff time	A, B, C	All audiences	A minimum of one new	Workplan actions
Resources – Digital	Curator, all	program	and small			digital program is released	1.2.1, 1.2.2, 1.2.3
Programs:	content	advisory team	investments in			every quarter.	
Maintain steady	specialists		tech support and			• Inaccuracies, when noted,	
production of new			professional			are corrected immediately.	
digital programs,			fees, estimated			YouTube / other likes and	
disseminating through			at \$2,500			view rates show steady	
			annually			growth.	



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social media, YouTube, and website.							

Status: With the substantial assistance of Riverside TV, a new series of short videos featuring collections objects and specimens in storage, "In the Vault," launched in August 2022. Staff intend to prepare and release one video (3-8 minutes each) every month. This continued successfully in Q3 with one release monthly. As of the beginning of Q4, Riverside TV has been pulled off this project. Staff will assess our own ability to continue it on some level.

Strategic Goal: STEWARDSHIP

Work remains to bring documentation and preservation of the Museum's collections up to standard. Many of these tasks will require more than five years, based on foreseeable staffing resources. Incremental milestones must be established to maintain progress on this behind-the-scenes function. Improved documentation and appropriate storage for all collections—Permanent, Community Collection, Education / Teaching Collection, Live Collection, and Library—is a prerequisite to effective public access to Riverside's stories.

Key actions center on:

- ✓ Collections Management
- ✓ Supporting Community
- ✓ Supporting Scholarship

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Collections Management - Documentation: Further develop staff competence with TMS Collections; implement digital visitor portal.	Collections Registrar	Collections Committee, IT Department	O = staff time; digital portal module cost TBD (anticipated >\$10,000)	A, B, C	Internal, internet audiences, collaborative database partners	All custom configuration and definitions of authority levels are completed by 31 December 2022.	General alignment with Arts, Culture and Recreation priority



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						Thereafter, a minimum of	
						5,000 records are added or	
						cleaned up annually.	
						Within six months of	
						implementing digital portal, a	
						minimum of 200 of the	
						objects / specimens	
						historically in greatest	
				1		demand are available.	
	1		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	d website to be completed.	Camanal
Collections Management	Collections	Collections	O = staff time	A, B	Internal,	A phased plan for storage	General
- Storage:	Registrar,	Committee,			professional	of all collections is in place by	alignment with
For all disciplines:	content	tribal			community,	30 June 2023.	Arts, Culture and
Complete collection D1 and D2	specialists	representatives			regional tribal	• Inventory is at least 25%	Recreation
relocation to R1 and R2.					entities	completed by 30 June 2024.Within one year of	priority
 Develop phased plan to resolve housing issues. 						anchoring and loading new	
•						storage cabinetry, a proposal	
• \$\langle\$ Initiate a phased,						to maximize fully R1 and R2	
rolling inventory plan.						storage capacity is	
• \$ Equip effective						completed.	
workspaces in R1 and R2.						completed.	
Status: Ongoing.	C II .:	C 11 1	0 + ((1) 0	A D C			C 1
Collections Management	Collections	Consultant	O = staff time; C =	A, B, C	Internal	Cost estimates gathered	General
- Storage:	Registrar,		limited grant			and proposal prepared by 30 June 2023.	alignment with
Upgrade R1 and R2	Director,		potential				Arts, Culture and
environmental condi-	Operations					• Implement upgrades by 30 June 2027.	Recreation
tions; gather estimates	Mgr.					Julie 2027.	priority
and propose a phased							
implementation.							



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			ompressors undertak	en in Q2. Furt	her repairs to the A	C in R1 were completed in Q3. No	o progress on
collections Management - Security: In context of downtown site renovation, conduct an all-sites security audit and upgrade / integrate all systems and procedures.	Collections Registrar, Operations Mgr., Sr. Office Specialist	IT, General Services departments	O = staff time; hardware and software costs TBD; downtown site costs to be part of Measure Z renovation budget	С	Internal	Effective, up-to-date security surveillance systems are in place at all sites by the reopening of the downtown site.	Workplan action 1.4.1
Status: Collections Management	Collections	Collections	O = staff time;	A, B, C	Internal	A plan is adopted	General
- Conservation: • ◊ Develop long-range conservation plan. • Complete object treatments per prioritized plan.	Registrar, content specialists	Committee	individual conservation project costs TBD; grant potential for some elements	А, Б, С	Internal	internally by 31 December 2023 that includes a prioritized list of objects or collections for direct treatment or rehousing. Individual treatments identified for the years of this plan are completed on time.	alignment with Arts, Culture and Recreation priority
are currently being treated	d by a paper con. se under way. Ad	servator in anticipat Iditional treatment i	ion of exhibiting one	or more in a 20	023 exhibition at the	degree of urgency. Jekel archite Mission Inn Museum. Treatmen the Mission Inn Museum was ca	t of two damaged
Supporting Community: Align with City's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion initiatives to prioritize improved	*Mgr. of Curatorial Services, content specialists	Collections Committee; advisory program team	O = staff time; possible modest costs in focus groups, communications	A, B, C	All internal and external audiences	Museum earns praise for the diversity of its programming and access to collections.	Alignment with Community Well-Being priority



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access and inclusion in collecting and program development.						Board and staff diversity increases, including temp, intern, and volunteer demographics.			
Status: Ongoing. The Mus acknowledgement statem	Status: Ongoing. The Museum's own ethics and conduct policy draft includes an anti-discrimination / anti-racism statement as well as the Museum's land								
Supporting Community: Maintain and grow regular contact with existing Indigenous advisory team regarding physical and interpretive use of Indigenous resources.	*Mgr. of Curatorial Services, Anthro. Cur.	Collections Committee	O = staff time	A, B, C	Indigenous advisory team; academic and professional communities; general public	 Team is convened for critical review of program plans at least once annually. Indigenous advisory team is consulted early in decision-making processes affecting Indigenous resources. A respectful exchange is maintained. 	Workplan actions 1.2.1, 1.2.2, 1.2.3, 1.5.2, 2.4.1, 2.4.2, 2.4.6		
Status: Ongoing, with part that concluded in Q3 with						school experience. This is a grar	nt-funded project		
Supporting Scholarship: Identify opportunities for participation in collaborative databases and ascertain upload protocols. Examples include Vertnet, Global Biodiversity Information Facility (GBIF), Inland Empire Memories, Calisphere, and similar. Status: Membership in UC	*Mgr. of Curatorial Services, content specialists, Collections Registrar	Collections Committee	O = staff time; possible modest costs to participate in some databases	A, B, C	Academic and professional communities; general public	Selections from Museum's collections are usefully available through a minimum of three collaborative databases by 30 June 2024. These databases are linked on the Museum's website.	Workplan actions 1.2.2, 1.2.3		



Strategic Goal: MAXIMIZING RESOURCES

The Museum's resources include its community—the source of its stories and collections. An ethic that places the public and its experiences first must pervade all activities. Other resources include the Museum's staff, facilities, collections, funding sources, reputation, and institutional history. Maximizing resources inherently includes conscious attention to sustainability. Sustainability means more than ensuring that the Museum's financial needs are aligned with its funding. It includes environmental and cultural imperatives as well. To adopt a well-known and widely adopted definition of the concept, the Museum embraces an interpretation that "meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs." The Museum has a long history of respect for cultural diversity, which will be further developed along with a more explicit embrace of environmentally sustainable operational choices. To integrate sustainable choices into all operations, policy and procedural statements will reflect this emphasis.

Key actions center on:

- ✓ Growing the Museum Team
- ✓ Diversifying Revenue
- √ Fiscal Responsibility

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Mission and vision:	Director,	Board	O = Staff time	Α	All	Statements result that at least 90%	Workplan
Establish an inclusive	Operations					of participants agree are relevant	action 5.5.2,
process to create	Mgr.					and appealing. Responses to be	5.5.8
vision and core values						gathered informally at multiple	
statements.						stages of statement development.	
Status: A community en	gagement proces	ss has been determ	nined, and the bulk o	of the outreach	and discussion will	loccur in Q3, aiming for completion by 3	<i>30 June 2023.</i>
Growing the Museum	Director	Consultants,	O = goal of net	A, B, C	Internal	By main site reopening, staffing	Workplan
Team:		City HR	gain of 2.75			structure aligns with industry	action 5.1.4
♦ Align staffing		Department	FTEs compared			standards, and staff support exists	
structure with			to pre-closure			for full range of key functions	

³ From *Our Common Future*, also known as the Bruntland Report, 1987.



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museum industry			staffing at 16.25			(administrative, curatorial	
standards / best			FTEs			[exhibitions and collections],	
practices.						education/outreach, and	
						development/advancement)	
						ucator. Recruitments for three fulltime	
						ed by the end of Q3, with offers in varyii	ng stages of
completion. During Q3,	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		History position aft		cted resignation of		
Growing the Museum	Director,	FD, PD,	O = staff time;	A, B, C	Internal	 By reopening, drills occur at least 	Workplan
Team – Training and	Operations	Advisory	costs to upgrade			3x/annually at all occupied sites.	action 2.6.1
Professional	Mgr.,	Marketing	dedicated			Updates to emergency response	
Development:	Collections	Team, possible	response			manuals occur as needed.	
 Establish annual 	Registrar	consultant	supplies and			 All staff can confidently respond 	
emergency response			toolkits;			to unscheduled quizzes relating to	
training schedules and			customer			emergency preparedness.	
update toolkits.			service training			 All staff receive object handling 	
 Improve staff 			consultant;			training appropriate to their roles by	
training on object			"best practices"			31 December 2022, and new hires	
handling; create a			travel expenses			thereafter as part of new-hire	
library of digital						checklist.	
training sessions.						 Each staff member participates in 	
 Pursue staff "best 						a minimum of one "best practices"	
practices" peer-to-						encounter annually.	
peer opportunities.						 All staff receive training and 	
 Provide high-quality 						exemplify model visitor-centered	
customer service						service at Heritage House, the	
training to all staff.						reopened main museum, and all off-	
						site programs.	

Status: Ongoing. A best practices visit to a municipally operated historic mansion in Beverly Hills took place in November 2022. Best practices trips to benchmark institutions across the country will begin in Q4.



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Growing the Museum Team - Volunteer Recruitment: • Expand options for volunteer recruitment. • Simplify volunteer position descriptions and orientation on GetConnected for new and existing volunteers.	Curator of Historic Structures History, Education Curator, Collections Registrar	HR, RMA, HHF, Museum's marketing advisory team	O = staff time; potential costs to place or distribute recruitment notices	A, B, C	Internal, existing and potential volunteers	 By 30 June 2023, staff confidence has increased that the Museum is reaching significantly more potential volunteers (retired teachers, senior centers, colleges). By 30 June 2023, the technical process volunteers use is markedly improved. 	Workplan action 1.5.2
Status: Working with Co	ity's HR departm		<u> </u>				
Diversifying Revenue - Fundraising: ♦ Create new staff team dedicated to advancement and fundraising (sponsorships, grants, events, annual fund development).	Director	CMO's office	O = creation of 1-3 FTEs, unfilled and/or unfunded as of 1 July 2022; entire team to be revenue- positive after 3- 5 years	B, C	Philanthropic community	 Staff incrementally come on board as ramp-up to reopening approaches and with sufficient time for orientation and integration. By 30 June 2027, non-general fund revenues are on a trajectory to support, by three years after reopening, at least 15% of exhibition and program cost increases compared to pre-closure costs. 	Workplan actions 1.1.4, 6.3.1
Status:	Divertor	DNAA	O = staff time	D.C.	Dhilanthuanis	A depart single program with -	Maulanlan
Diversifying Revenue - Fundraising: ◊ Develop a "donor circle" support program that complements the RMA's membership program.	Director, *Mgr. of Institutional Advancement	RMA	(expense); donor revenue anticipated when fund- raising team is in place	B, C	Philanthropic community	A donor circle program with a minimum of 1,000 members is achieved within two years of reopening.	Workplan actions 1.1.4, 6.3.1



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Status:							
Diversifying Revenue - RMA and HHF: Support the Museum's 501(c)(3) organizations. Integrate Museum staff into fundraising and communications efforts.	Director, *Mgr. of Institutional Advancement	HHF and RMA	O = staff time; HHF to build endowment; project revenue from RMA to increase from current level of \$20,000-25,000 annually	A, B, C	All program audiences and donors	 HHF and RMA have appropriate and timely support from the Museum to pursue mutually agreed-upon goals. Fundraising success for both organizations increases annually and/or RMA and HHF meet the specific goals they establish for themselves. 	Workplan actions 1.1.4, 6.3.1
between the RMA and t	he City/Museum. Ips. During Q1, H	An MOU already of the Andready of the Andread Mission (No. 1) Andread Mission	exists between the on and vision stater	HHF and the N nents that rein	Auseum/City. Direc	mmittee and working toward establishin ctor attends HHF's meetings, including a of their fundraising role. During Q3, the	2022 retreat
Diversifying Revenue - Earned Revenue: ♦ Implement a comprehensive fee schedule to maximize earned revenue.	Director, *Mgr. of Institutional Advancement	CMO, Finance Department, Council	O = staff time (expense); fee revenue when full proposal is implemented, and necessary staffing in place	B, C	All	 By reopening, competitive fees are assessed for services, with a mechanism to track and credit revenue to the Museum. At-market private services, f. ex., facility rentals, are managed to the satisfaction of Museum staff and without risk to collections or facilities. 	Workplan actions 1.1.4, 5.4.3, 5.4.4