

CITY OF PALM DESERT STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: July 11, 2024

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REQUEST: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM DESERT, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE'S URBAN COUNTY PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING SIGNATORY APPROVAL

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution entitled "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM DESERT, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE'S URBAN COUNTY PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEARS 2025/26 AND 2026/27."

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:

On June 8, 2023, the City Council voted to join the Urban County Program with the County of Riverside (County) as a Metropolitan City for three fiscal years, to recognize staff time savings as well as maximize funding opportunities by leveraging the County's HUD experience and reporting infrastructure. However, following the County's submission to HUD, staff discovered that the City had been identified incorrectly and began working with County staff to determine the best way to remedy their error. By approving this item, this allows the City to participate in FY 2025-26 and FY 2026-27.

County and City staff have been collaborating with local and federal Housing and Urban Development (HUD) representatives to resolve the error and facilitate the City's inclusion in the County Program. On March 28, 2024, HUD outlined the necessary steps for progress, which included the requirement for City Council to authorize reducing the term of the Cooperative Agreement from three fiscal years to two fiscal years. The City Council motioned to approve this on June 13, 2024. However, Riverside County has requested additional steps, including the adoption of the requested action outlined herein.

Legal Review:

This report has been reviewed by the City Attorney's office.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The City received a CDBG allocation of \$365,446 in FY 2024-25. During Fiscal Years 2025-26 and 2026-27, the City will retain its entire entitlement allocation and share the administrative apportionment with the County. This action does not impact the General Fund.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Metro-City Resolution
2. Joint Metro Agreement