



INDIAN WELLS CITY COUNCIL

April 6, 2023

To: City Council
From: Finance Department
Prepared by: Kevin McCarthy, City Finance Director
Subject: **Indian Wells Preservation Foundation Funding Request-
Oral History Project**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Council **CONSIDERS** and **APPROVES** the Indian Wells Preservation Foundation funding request to initiate an oral history project.

SUMMARY:

On March 23, 2023, the Finance Committee held a meeting to discuss a \$25,000 funding request from the Indian Wells Preservation Foundation (IWPF) to complete the Indian Wells Oral History Project. IWPF President Linda Blank was in attendance and represented the Indian Wells Preservation Foundation. After the item was vetted, the Finance Committee recommended that the Council approve the Indian Wells Oral History Project as presented with no additional appropriation of funds. Expanding the partnership with the IWPF is identified in the Council's fiscal year 2023-24 Resident Benefits and New Initiatives Goal.

BACKGROUND:

The Indian Wells Preservation Foundation Board is seeking funding to complete the Indian Wells Oral History Project in accordance with the Lawrence de Graaf Center for Oral and Public History. The Center was established in 1968 as a teaching, training, research, publication, and public service archive at CSU Fullerton's Pollak Library. It is California's largest oral history archive, with over 6,000 oral histories covering various people and topics from California and beyond. The IWPF seeks funding to initiate an oral history program to create an archive to preserve the historical knowledge of many of the pioneers of Indian Wells' history and development.

At its outset, the project is dedicated to interviewing 10 City galvanizers and change agents, including Raymond Moore (Tennis icon/Tennis Garden), Richard Oliphant (community developer/civic leader), Adele Ruxton (pioneer Indian Wells historian/60-year resident), Joe Williams (Indian Wells Golf Resort Director of Golf since 1996) and six other diverse contributors who have shaped the storied City of Indian Wells.

FISCAL IMPACT:

A detailed description of the \$25,000 budget for ten interviews is attached. Faculty appointed from CSUF Lawrence de Graaf Center for Oral and Public History will conduct the project and provide outcome products. The Indian Wells Preservation Foundation Board will oversee and monitor the project.

Should Council consider this project, a supplemental appropriation is not recommended. Instead, if approved, Staff recommends funding \$15,000 from the Council's remaining portion in Community Assistance funding, consistent with the Community Assistance Funding Policy, and \$10,000 from the Community Assistance Program 1012707 592000.

ATTACHMENT:

1. Foundation Funding Request