

INDIAN WELLS CITY COUNCIL

November 2, 2023



To: City Council
From: Finance Department
Prepared by: Kevin McCarthy, Finance Director
Subject: **Resolution Amending the Community Assistance Funding Policy**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Council **ADOPTS** Resolution amending the Community Assistance Funding Policy; and

FINDS the project to be exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15060.

BACKGROUND:

During the October 19, 2023, City Council Meeting, the Council recommended delegating the review and amendment of the Community Assistance Funding Policy to the Finance Committee to implement "Budget Carry Forwards." Budget Carry Forwards is the governmental process that allows the City to roll forward any unexpended community assistance program from the current fiscal year to the next fiscal year.

By way of additional background, Community Assistance Funding is divided into two separate funds. The Grants-in-Aid program shall receive 80% of the available funding up to \$160,000. The second fund shall operate at the sole discretion of the City Council and will receive the remaining 20% of the funding up to \$40,000.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Finance Committee Recommendations: The Finance Committee met on October 26, 2023, to consider the proposed changes to the Community Assistance Funding policy and recommends that the Council adopt Resolution as presented.

Under the proposed Council change, the Finance Director shall roll forward any unexpended community assistance funds from either pool before the close of each fiscal year. For the avoidance of doubt, any unexpended community assistance funds shall "roll forward" into the following year's budget, shall be available for spending, and shall be separate from the annual calculation establishing the annual Community Assistance Funding Program.

The Finance Director has reviewed the proposed methodology and the procedures by which the “roll forward” would annually occur, with senior management administering the Grants-in-Aid program, and has received implementation approval.

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA):

This action has been reviewed per the authority and criteria contained in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the State and local CEQA Guidelines, and the City's environmental regulations. The City, acting as the Lead Agency, determined that the ordinance is not subject to CEQA pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2), 15060(c)(3), and 15061(b)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines, because it will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change to the environment as there is no possibility that the action would result in a significant environmental impact, and because it does not constitute a “project” as defined in Section 15378 of the State CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution
2. Redline changes