



# INDIAN WELLS CITY COUNCIL

## October 16, 2025

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**To:** City Council  
**From:** City Manager Department  
**Prepared by:** Catherine Manning, Management Assistant  
**Subject:** **Supplemental Appropriation for Coachella Valley Rescue Mission and Martha's Village & Kitchen**

### RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

Council **APPROVES** Supplemental Appropriation in the amount of \$130,000 to support the Coachella Valley Rescue Mission and Martha's Village & Kitchen; and

**AUTHORIZES** the allocation of \$120,000 from the Homelessness Grant Funding program with each organization receiving a total of \$125,000 comprised of \$60,000 from Homelessness Grant Program and \$65,000 from the Supplemental Appropriation; and

**FINDS** the action exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review under Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3).

### BACKGROUND:

Martha's Village & Kitchen and the Coachella Valley Rescue Mission (CVRM) are two cornerstone nonprofit organizations serving the Coachella Valley's most vulnerable populations. Both provide essential services that address homelessness, poverty, and social instability through comprehensive, client-centered programs.

Martha's Village & Kitchen offers a wide range of transformative services, including emergency shelter, food distribution, employment readiness, educational workshops, and access to healthcare. The organization's mission is to empower individuals and families to achieve self-sufficiency through a holistic approach that fosters personal responsibility and long-term stability. Its work not only improves individual outcomes but also contributes to the overall health and resilience of the Coachella Valley.

Coachella Valley Rescue Mission (CVRM) provides critical emergency services such as hot meals, safe shelter, medical care, clothing, vocational training, and structured recovery programs. CVRM's mission is rooted in restoring dignity and promoting self-reliance among those experiencing crisis. The organization collaborates with local agencies and partners to ensure a coordinated response to homelessness, contributing significantly to public safety and community well-being.

## **DISCUSSION:**

At the September 4, 2025, City Council meeting, the Council reaffirmed Indian Wells' commitment to providing regional solutions to address homelessness in the Coachella Valley. As part of this effort, Indian Wells alongside other Coachella Valley cities contributed \$125,000 to the Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG) to support coordinated homelessness response initiatives.

In addition, the City pledged \$125,000 each to Coachella Valley Rescue Mission and Martha's Village & Kitchen to expand shelter and supportive services for individuals and families in need. Council specifically expressed interest in ensuring that the funding allocated to Martha's Village & Kitchen be directed toward its partnership with the Palm Springs Navigation Center, a regional program that provides emergency housing and wraparound services. This targeted investment aligns with the City's broader strategy to support impactful, collaborative programs that address both immediate needs and long-term stability for vulnerable populations.

The City continues to demonstrate its commitment to regional collaboration and compassionate service by supporting key nonprofit organizations addressing homelessness and poverty in the Coachella Valley. The recommended funding allocation of \$250,000 with \$125,000 each to Martha's Village & Kitchen and the Coachella Valley Rescue Mission will directly support shelter and wraparound services. Through strategic investments in the Grants-in-Aid and Homeless Services programs, Indian Wells is helping to build a more inclusive, stable, and resilient community across the region.

## **FISCAL IMPACT:**

The total recommended funding allocation of \$250,000 to support Martha's Village & Kitchen and the Coachella Valley Rescue Mission will be funded through two sources:

- \$120,000 from Homelessness Grant Funding (Housing Authority funds), and
- \$130,000 through a Supplemental Appropriation from the general fund.

Both organizations will receive \$125,000, reflecting the City's continued commitment to regional collaboration and direct support for homelessness services. This allocation is part of a broader investment strategy, with the City of Indian Wells dedicating over \$500,000 in FY 2025–26 to support local nonprofit organizations providing essential services throughout the Coachella Valley.

## **CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA):**

The action is not a project within the meaning of Section 15378 of the State of California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") Guidelines, because it has no potential for resulting

in physical change in the environment, directly or indirectly; and that the action is nonetheless exempt from the requirements of CEQA in that the activity is covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects that have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. (14 CCR 15061 (b)(3).)