



SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA ITEM AGENDA STAFF REPORT

Control: 26001316

MEETING DATE: 05/05/2026
LEGAL ENTITY TAKING ACTION: Board of Supervisors
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DISTRICT(S): Board of Supervisors
SUBMITTING AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: Supervisor Wagner
DEPARTMENT CONTACT PERSON(S): Amanda Casillas, 714-834-3330
Tara Campbell

SUBJECT: Allocation of \$28,250 from Third District discretionary funds to Irvine Police

CEO CONCUR	COUNTY COUNSEL REVIEW	CLERK OF THE BOARD
N/A	No Legal Objection	DISCUSSION
		3 Votes Board Majority

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

1. Approve the allocation of \$28,250 from Third District discretionary funds to the Irvine Police Department.
2. Find under Government Code section 26227 that this expenditure is necessary to meet the social needs of County residents.
3. Authorize and direct the County Executive Officer, or designee, to negotiate and enter into an agreement with the Irvine Police Department as necessary to effectuate the purposes of this allocation, including, but not limited to, the allocation of funds to the ICARE Program.
4. Authorize and direct the Auditor-Controller, or designee, to make related payments as necessary to effectuate the purposes of this allocation, including, but not limited to Cal-Card, electronic fund transfers or check payments.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

I would like to allocate \$28,250 from Third District discretionary funds to the Irvine Police Department to support the expansion of the Irvine Community Alternative Response and Engagement (ICARE) Program. This funding will enable the program to increase its capacity to respond to community needs, particularly in the areas of mental health and crisis intervention.

Since its launch in February 2025, ICARE has responded to more than 3,500 calls for service and has served as the primary responding unit in approximately 79 percent of those cases. By handling these calls, the program allows sworn officers to remain focused on core law enforcement responsibilities. Currently, ICARE operates with funding sufficient for only one vehicle, limiting its ability to scale services.

The program's expansion, driven in part by a new internship partnership with California State University, Fullerton, creates a need for an additional vehicle to deploy interns and extend service hours. While purchasing a vehicle would cost more than \$75,000 and require ongoing funding commitments, a one-year lease offers a more fiscally prudent approach. This option allows the City to evaluate program growth and effectiveness before making a long-term capital investment.

This funding will cover the vehicle lease and the mobile data computer for the vehicle. Leasing an additional, fully equipped vehicle will allow the ICARE team to broaden its response to mental health and crisis-related calls at schools, houses of worship, and other community settings. It will also support the Cal State Fullerton internship program and provide a one-year evaluation period to inform future funding and operational decisions.

ATTACHMENTS:

N/A