



Staff Report

TO: City Council

FROM: Elizabeth Gibbs, City Manager
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DATE June 17, 2025

SUBJECT: Approval of a Cooperative Agreement with the County of Riverside to Provide One-Time Equipment and Staffing Cost Share Agreement Services for Fire Station #106

Description Consideration of a Cooperative Agreement with the County of Riverside for cost sharing related to equipment and staffing for Fire Station #106 - Capital Improvement Project (CIP) PS-05.

Background and Analysis:

On June 20, 2023, the City Council reviewed and approved Capital Improvement Project (CIP) No. PS-05 to fund the development of Fire Station No. 106, including the purchase of a new fire apparatus. At that time, the Council authorized a total project budget of \$2,490,000 and directed staff to explore options for acquiring a ladder truck either through Riverside County or directly from a certified vendor. The project was identified as a critical investment to enhance fire response capabilities for the City and surrounding communities.

Subsequently, on April 15, 2025, the City Council approved the purchase of a ladder truck originally ordered by a Texas fire agency but no longer needed. The unit matched the specifications approved for CIP PS-05 and presented an opportunity for expedited acquisition and cost efficiency.

Operational Overview

Station No. 106 has been scheduled to operate with a 12-person crew to staff a ladder truck under the updated CAL FIRE staffing model. The collaborative approach between the City and County ensures sufficient deployment and operational coverage.

Key Agreement Provisions

1. Equipment Cost Share

- The City of Beaumont will purchase and outfit a new ladder truck to meet CAL FIRE specifications.
- The County of Riverside will contribute up to \$250,000 toward the truck's equipment costs.

2. Staffing Cost Share

- The City will fund nine (9) fire personnel, including Fire Captains, Apparatus Engineers, and Firefighter IIs/Paramedics.
- The County will fund three (3) personnel assigned to the same apparatus.

This model allows the City and County to jointly support fire services at Station No. 106, optimizing regional resources while reducing individual agency expenditures.

Upon the station becoming operational, the staffing structure under this agreement will be incorporated as an amendment to Exhibit A of the City's existing Master Cooperative Agreement with the County.

Fiscal Impact:

The cost of preparing this staff report is estimated to be \$350.

The funding for the City's share of this agreement is included in the adopted FY 2025-2026 Capital Improvement Program under Project PS-05.

Recommended Action:

Approve the Cooperative Agreement between the City of Beaumont and the County of Riverside for Fire Station #106 Equipment and Staffing; and

Authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement and any related documents.

Attachments:

- A. Cost Sharing Agreement