



STAFF REPORT
4/24/2024

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Maritza Martinez, Public Works Director

SUBJECT: Authorize the City Manager to execute a professional services agreement with Equitable Cities LLC for \$35,000 and authorize appropriation for undesignated general fund reserves in the amount of \$35,000.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager to execute a professional services agreement with Equitable Cities LLC for \$35,000 and authorize appropriation for undesignated general fund reserves in the amount of \$35,000.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

City Council action established a Social Equity and Public Safety Subcommittee. A contract was originally executed with Equitable Cities LLC to lead the Subcommittee agendas and discussions. The contracted amount was \$24,900, however due to the delays in obtaining memberships interested in serving on the Adhoc Subcommittee this contract was not billed against and the term expired.

Staff is recommending approval of the attached professional services agreement with Equitable Cities LLC, which would replace the original agreement and expands scope to address the public safety topics the subcommittee name was amended to include. The total compensation of the agreement is not to exceed \$35,000. Staff is anticipating the first meeting with the subcommittee members in June and second meeting in July.

The feedback compiled from Social Equity and Public Safety Subcommittee will help guide the City Council in the development of a City of Coachella Racial Equity Framework and Action Plan, which will be a valuable tool as the City Council considers alternatives to public safety service structures.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The recommended action does require an appropriation of undesignated general reserve funds, in the amount of \$35,000.

Attachments: Professional Services Agreement with Equitable Cities LLC