

Equity in Support



Safety and Emergency Preparedness

ISSUE

Funds to address emergency preparedness and response capabilities for crises, such as earthquakes, wildfires and active shooters on the Riverside Community College District and colleges.

BACKGROUND

In recent years, California has faced the looming specter of natural disasters and man-made emergencies. In this challenging environment, it is imperative for

educational institutions, particularly community colleges, to take proactive steps to ensure their readiness and response capabilities. The safety and well-being of students, faculty and staff depend on this crucial endeavor. This comprehensive initiative encompasses two pivotal dimensions: reinforcing the preparedness of facilities to handle potential active shooter incidents and fortifying the overall capacity to respond effectively to a diverse array of crises, including earthquakes and wildfires.

REQUESTS

In pursuit of these goals, the proposed strategy involves advocating for annual increases in funding to facilitate vital enhancements in the following key areas:

- Funding for a comprehensive assessment and subsequent upgrading of lock systems throughout the District, enabling more efficient execution of lockdown and shelter-in-place protocols. Estimated cost: \$4 million.



- Funding to modernize security camera systems to facilitate remote access to security footage by law enforcement personnel, enhancing their situational awareness. Estimated cost: \$7 million.
- Funding to upgrade or replace existing sirens to seamlessly integrate them with the RAVE mass notification system, enabling more comprehensive and timely alerts during emergencies. Estimated cost: \$3 million to implement.
- Funding to upgrade campus lighting, further enhancing safety and security. Estimated cost: \$4 million.
- Funding to install and maintain emergency generators for emergency operations centers at the District and college locations and emergency operations center supplies. Estimated cost: \$7 million to secure center operations and \$250,000 for supplies and maintenance.
- Establish a mobile command post during an active shooter event, facilitating rapid deployment and coordination. Estimated cost: \$320,000.
- Micro Grids - a small network of electricity users with a local source of supply (solar, battery or generator) that is connected to the centralized power grid, but able to function independently in the event of an outage in the centralized grid. Estimated cost: \$15-20 million.
- Funding to implement a multi-mode communication infrastructure that includes redundant links across wireless and hardwired channels. This ensures uninterrupted and reliable communication capabilities, even when one or more channels fail, thereby strengthening resilience of emergency response mechanisms. Estimated cost: \$5 million.

The District is requesting a total of \$50,570,000 to address the District's Safety and Emergency Preparedness needs. By advocating these funds, the Riverside Community College District can significantly enhance its capacity to respond effectively to a spectrum of emergencies across the District, safeguarding the well-being of campus communities, and fostering a culture of safety and preparedness.