

REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

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NO. 06-165

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SUBJECT: AMENDMENT TO THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN RECREATION AND PARKS AND THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT FOR THE JUVENILE JUSTICE CRIME PREVENTION ACT FISCAL YEAR 2005-2006

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General Manager

Approved _____ Disapproved _____ Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board:

1. Approve an amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), substantially in the form on file in the Board Office, subject to approval of the Mayor, City Council, and City Attorney as to form, between the Department of Recreation and Parks (Department) and the County of Los Angeles (County) for continued Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act funding (formerly known as the Schiff-Cardenas Crime Prevention Act) to include an enhancement to the services referenced in the MOU approved on May 3, 2006;
2. Direct the Board Secretary to transmit forthwith Amendment to the Mayor in accordance with Executive Directive No. 3 and to the City Attorney for review as to form; and,
3. Authorize the General Manager to expeditiously execute the Amendment, upon receipt of the necessary approvals.

SUMMARY:

After five years of successful operation and over \$3.3 million in Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA) funding received by the Department from the County, the Department has been offered an additional \$190,000 for fiscal year 2005-06 to expand programs designed to serve at-risk youth through the Clean and Safe Spaces (CLASS) Parks Youth Employment Internship Program (YEIP).

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In January, 2002, the Department was awarded \$750,000 in grant funds to expand prevention and intervention services for at-risk youth within Los Angeles City through the Youth Employment Internship Program (YEIP), which has provided training to over 2,000 youth from inception of the program in June 2002 to June 30, 2005, with improved job skills, life skills, and enhanced community involvement opportunities. This grant was supplemented with an additional \$250,000 to enhance the JJCPA After-School Enrichment and Supervision Program (ASES). Grants were on a reimbursement basis and effectuated through an MOU. This original MOU was amended four times to add funding or extend programming funding into additional fiscal years.

On May 3, 2006, the Board approved a new MOU for the Department to receive \$520,000 in JJCPA funds for the continuation of the YEIP for the fiscal year term 2005-2006, and provide youth services during specified hours of peak juvenile crime occurrences. After approval of the new MOU for 2005-06, County Probation informed the Department and its other JJCPA partners that it had identified a total \$2,023,000 in unspent 2005-06 JJCC funds also to be made available for expenditure in fiscal year 2005-06. County Probation offered the Department the opportunity to allocate an additional \$190,000 to expand services to youth who will be out of school and without parental home supervision during the summer by amending its current MOU. The County Probation's goals for reallocating this funding to JJCPA sponsored summer programs include increasing the following: 1) summer youth activities; 2) high risk/high need program services; 3) family outings/bonding events; 4) parental empowerment and support workshops; and 5) recognition, incentive, and reward opportunities. The Department welcomes this opportunity to expand its involvement in JJCPA funded programs due to the enormous need for meaningful summer activities for Youth at Risk in the City's parks and surrounding communities, and recommends that the Board approve amending its current MOU with the County to include this additional funding, for a grand total of \$710,000 in fiscal year 2005-06 funding.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

Approval of this Amendment will allow the Department to provide additional services for YEIP participants. The Department is not allowed to provide these additional services without approval of an executed Amendment. The monies must be obligated by June 30, 2006, and the County will ensure that the funds are obligated in a timely manner.

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