

REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

NO. 08-86

DATE: April 2, 2008

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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: KAISER PERMANENTE COMMUNITY BENEFIT GRANT -
SUMMER SPLASH PROGRAM 2008

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General Manager

Approved _____ Disapproved _____ Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board:

1. Approve the submission of a grant application in the amount \$231,035, substantially in the form on file in the Board Office, to Kaiser Permanente Community Benefit, subject to approval of the Mayor and City Council;
2. Direct staff to transmit the grant application to the Mayor and City Council, requesting approval; and,
3. Authorize the General Manager to represent the City and execute the corresponding grant agreement, and any subsequent amendments thereto, pursuant to Administrative Code Section 14.6 et seq. as may be amended, on behalf of the City, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

SUMMARY:

The Department is requesting permission to apply for a Kaiser Permanente Community Grant to fund aquatic programs: Learn to Swim, Inner Tube Water Polo, Junior Lifeguards, and Extended Summer Pool Season. This funding will assist in providing sponsorships to patrons for participation in aquatic programs. The goal is for Aquatics to provide youth from 9 to 17 years old with physical activity while gaining lifelong aquatic skills in a safe and healthful

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environment during the 2008 summer season.

The participating youth will gain valuable knowledge and experience in aquatic sports and an ability to share the information with others. In acquiring basic swimming skills, youth develop the fundamentals for participation in both competitive and leisure aquatic activities.

Youth completing the programs are expected to be able to demonstrate newly learned skills, respect the dangers involved in aquatic emergencies, and possess a range of safety skills and knowledge for emergency response. Participants are also expected to learn teamwork and individual goal setting.

Over the past two years, the partnership established with Kaiser, known as "Operation Splash," has been valuable for the Department and communities we serve. Through the generosity of Kaiser, we have conducted successful learn to swim programs, with more than 8,000 new lessons provided. This grant will allow the Department to continue to build on the positive results from "Operation Splash," and continue to provide needed aquatic programs to Los Angeles youth.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

This grant does not require a match and provides needed funding for additional aquatic services to youth without a negative fiscal impact to the General Fund.

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