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REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

NO. 08-120

DATE May 7, 2008

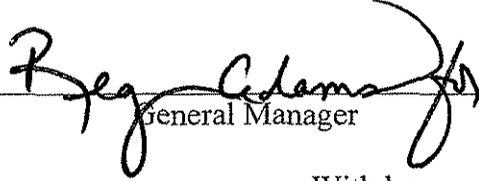
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SUBJECT: AMENDMENT TO THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS AND THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT FOR THE JUVENILE JUSTICE CRIME PREVENTION ACT FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008

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RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board:

1. Approve a proposed amendment to the 2007-2008 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), substantially in the form on file in the Board Office, subject to approval of the Mayor, City Council, and the City Attorney as to form, between the Department of Recreation and Parks (Department) and the Los Angeles County Probation Department (County) for continued Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA) grant funding (formerly known as the Schiff-Cardenas Crime Prevention Act) to include an enhancement to the services referenced in the MOU approved on April 19, 2007, and to increase its term by six months to December 31, 2008;
2. Direct the Board Secretary to transmit forthwith the 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 Board President and Secretary to expeditiously execute the proposed Amendment subsequent to the necessary approvals.

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SUMMARY:

After seven years of successful operation and over \$4.6 million in JJCPA grant funding received by the Department from the County, the Department has been offered an additional \$105,000 for Fiscal Year 2007-2008 to expand programs designed to serve at-risk youth through the Clean and Safe Spaces (CLASS) Parks Youth Employment Internship Program (YEIP).

In January 2002, the Department was initially awarded \$750,000 in grant funds to expand prevention services for at-risk youth within the City of Los Angeles (City). Since then, the CLASS Parks program has continued to fulfill expectations of the County through YEIP. YEIP has provided training to over 2,938 youths since the program's inception in June of 2002, through December 31, 2007, with opportunities for improving job and life skills, as well as enhanced community involvement. This has been accomplished due to the County's continued support of expanded learning opportunities within YEIP over the past seven years, and through offers of supplemental funding through the JJCPA's After-School Enrichment and Supervision Program (ASES). JJCPA grants are expended on a reimbursement basis, and the Department's acceptance of such reimbursements has been effectuated through MOUs with the County. These MOUs also contain provisions to amend the term and to add funding to extend programming by mutual written consent and approval by both parties.

On April 19, 2007 the Commission approved an MOU prepared by the County providing \$615,000 in funding for the seventh year of the YEIP, for Fiscal Year 2007-2008 to continue its on-going and successful programming efforts (Board Report No. 07-94). In March 2008 the County identified unspent 2007-08 JJCPA funds which are available for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2008 to its JJCPA partners. The County offered the Department the opportunity to allocate an additional \$105,000 to further enhance YEIP services by amending its current MOU. In exchange, the Department will provide the following enhanced services:

- Expansion of ASES program by increasing the number of educational and recreational summer trips for youth and their families; and
- Allocation of additional part-time staff hours in order to expand the number of internship opportunities available to youths. Utilizing one additional staff member in each class will allow eight more interns to participate.

These funds must be spent by December 31, 2008. Authority to amend the term and the funding for these services is provided under Sections II and III, of the current MOU. The Department welcomes this opportunity to expand its involvement in JJCPA funded programs due to the enormous need for supervised after-school enrichment activities for at-risk youth in the City's parks and surrounding communities. Staff agrees with the proposed amendment to the current MOU with the County to accept additional funding, for a grand total of \$720,000 in Fiscal Year 2007-08.

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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

Approval of this Amendment will allow the Department to advance funds to provide additional services for YEIP participants, and then submit requests for reimbursement to the County. Upon execution of this proposed Amendment to the MOU, the Department must obligate these funds by executing the Amendment to this MOU no later June 30, 2008, to ensure such reimbursement. There is no fiscal impact to the Department's General Fund.

This report was prepared by Ann Vollmer, Acting Principal Recreation Supervisor II.