

REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

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**BOARD OF RECREATION
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SUBJECT: PROPOSITION 84 SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PLANNING GRANT
AND INCENTIVES PROGRAM – RESOLUTION AND GRANT
APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

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_____ *[Signature]*
General Manager

Approved _____ Disapproved _____ Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Recommend that the City Council adopt a Resolution, in the form on file in the Board Office, which authorizes the City of Los Angeles to apply for funds under the State Proposition 84, Sustainable Communities Planning Grant and Incentives Program and designate the General Manager of the Department of Recreation and Parks, or designee, as the agent to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents, including but not limited to grant applications, agreements, payment requests and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of the proposed City of Los Angeles, Department of Recreation and Parks Master/Strategic Plan for Parks and Open Space project; and
2. Authorize the Department's General Manager to submit the Proposition 84 Sustainable Communities Planning Grant and Incentives Program grant application to the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation for the proposed City of Los Angeles, Department of Recreation and Parks Master/Strategic Plan for Parks and Open Space project.

SUMMARY:

In November 2009, the State through the Strategic Growth Council released a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Proposition 84 Sustainable Communities Planning Grant and Incentives Program. The \$5.4 billion Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control,

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River and Coastal protection Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84) was passed by the voters on November 7, 2006. These funds are to be used for a number of grant programs, one of which is the Sustainable Communities Planning Grant and Incentives Program. This grant program awards planning grants and planning incentives that reduce energy consumption, conserve water, improve air and water quality, protect, preserve and enhance environmental, agricultural and recreational resources, and provide other community benefits.

Approximately \$60 million in State funds are available for award under this program and will be distributed over three cycles beginning Fiscal Year 2010/11. Approximately \$20 million will be available for each cycle. The Strategic Growth Council will fund proposals that fall within the following three focus areas: Focus Area #1-Local Sustainable Planning (\$14 million); Focus Area #2-Regional SB375 Plus (\$4 million); and Focus Area #3-Regional Planning Activities with Multiple Partners (\$2 million).

The Department will be preparing and submitting a grant proposal for Focus Area #1-Sustainable Planning requesting \$1 million in funding, which is the maximum request amount allowed per proposal. The grant proposal submission deadline for the first cycle is May 21, 2010.

The project scope of work is the development of a Master Plan for the Department. This will encompass the Department's vision, goals, and objectives, which are measurable and attainable, for the park and open space system of the City. The plan will also include a strategic component that will look at our organizational structure in terms of achieving the Department's goals.

In accordance with the Proposition 84 Sustainable Communities Planning Grant and Incentives Program grant guidelines, the Department is seeking the Board's approval to transmit the Resolution (Attachment No. 1) to the City Council for adoption, and to authorize the General Manager, or designee, to execute and submit all grant contracts, grant applications, and other necessary documents related to this grant proposal.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

There is no anticipated fiscal impact on the Department's General Fund for the completion of the project.

This report was prepared by Leonor Palangio, Management Analyst II, Grants Administration.

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANTS FUND FOR THE SUSTAINABLE
COMMUNITIES PLANNING GRANT AND INCENTIVES PROGRAM UNDER THE
SAFE DRINKING WATER, WATER QUALITY AND SUPPLY, FLOOD CONTROL,
RIVER AND COASTAL PROTECTION BOND ACT OF 2006 (PROPOSITION 84)**

WHEREAS, the Legislature and Governor of the State of California have provided funds for the program shown above; and

WHEREAS, the Strategic Growth Council has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of this grant program, establishing necessary procedures; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the Strategic Growth Council require a resolution certifying the approval of application by the Applicant's governing board before submission of said application to the State; and

WHEREAS, the applicant, if selected, will enter into an agreement with the State of California to carry out the development of the proposal.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council hereby:

1. Approves the filing of an application for the City of Los Angeles, Department of Recreation and Parks Master/Strategic Plan for Parks and Open Space project in order to become a sustainable community; and
2. Certifies that applicant understands the assurances and certification in the application, and
3. Certifies that the applicant or title holder will have sufficient funds to develop the Proposal or will secure the resources to do so, and
4. Certifies that the Proposal will comply with any applicable laws and regulations.
5. Appoints the General Manager, Executive Officer, or Assistant General Manager for the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks, as agent to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents, including but not limited to applications, agreements, payment requests and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project.

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Los Angeles at its meeting of _____.

June Lagmay, City Clerk

By: _____