

REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

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NO. 10-145

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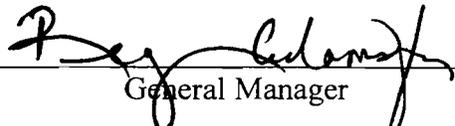
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BOARD OF RECREATION
and PARK COMMISSIONERS

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SUBJECT: PROPOSITION 84 NATURE EDUCATION FACILITIES GRANT PROGRAM
- CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS AND AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT
GRANT APPLICATIONS

R. Adams	_____	F. Mok	_____
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V. Israel	_____		



 General Manager

Approved _____

Disapproved _____

Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board:

1. Recommend that the City Council adopt the attached Resolution (Attachment No. 1), which authorizes the City of Los Angeles to apply for funds under the State Proposition 84, Nature Education Facilities Grant Program and designates 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 South Los Angeles Wetlands Nature Education Project; and
2. Authorize the Department's General Manager to submit the Proposition 84 Nature Education Facilities grant application to the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation for the South Los Angeles Wetlands Nature Education Project; and
3. Support the submittal of a Proposition 84 competitive Proposition 84 Nature Education Facilities grant application by the L.A. Parks Foundation, on behalf of the Department, for the Griffith Park Horticultural Learning Center project, and approve the attached Resolution (Attachment No. 2), subject to City Council approval, acknowledging the Department's intent to accept the transfer of grant responsibilities, including operations and maintenance for the project, subject to the award of grant funds and successful project completion; and

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4. Support the submittal of a competitive Proposition 84 Nature Education Facilities grant application by the Friends of Cabrillo Marine Aquarium (FCMA), on behalf of the Department, for the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium Exhibit Improvement and Phase II Expansion Project, and approve the attached Resolution (Attachment No. 3), subject to City Council approval, acknowledging the Department's intent to accept the transfer of grant responsibilities, including operations and maintenance for the project, subject to the award of grant funds and successful project completion;

SUMMARY:

The \$5.4 billion Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, 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 Nature Education Facilities (NEF) Grant Program.

On March 1, 2010, the State released a Request for Proposals (RFP) for competitive grants for the State Proposition 84 NEF Grant Program. A total of \$93 million has been dedicated to this program and will be awarded on a competitive basis. This grant program awards grants for nature education exhibits, research facilities and equipment to non-profit organizations and public institutions including natural history museums, aquariums, research facilities and botanical gardens.

The Department is seeking approval to submit a grant application for the South Los Angeles Wetlands Nature Education Project, requesting up to \$7 million for the development of a nature education center to compliment the soon to be completed South Los Angeles Wetland Park project.

Additionally, the Department has partnered with the L.A. Parks Foundation and the Friends of the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium (FCMA) in the preparation of 2 grant applications on behalf of the Department. The first of these grant applications will be submitted by the L.A. Parks Foundation, requesting \$7 million, for the Griffith Park Horticultural Learning Center Project. The grant funds will be used to re-establish a working nursery for the Department, to include education and horticulture training spaces, demonstration areas, plant and tree exhibit and propagation areas for community and staff on 11 acres in Los Angeles' historic Griffith Park. As part of the Horticulture Learning Center, funds will also be used to replace and rebuild new greenhouses, rebuild office and classroom spaces, upgrade infrastructure, replace shade planting structure, upgrade storage areas, replace perimeter fencing, and develop a visitors and staff parking area.

The FCMA will submit the second of these grant applications, a \$7 million grant request for the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium Exhibit Improvement and Phase II Expansion Project. The funds will

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be used to improve and update all exhibits in the Susanne Lawrenz-Miller Exhibit Hall, including the life support system for the live animal exhibits and associated related infrastructure improvements. The project will also involve completion of the Phase II expansion project, which includes spaces for the FCMA Ocean Outreach Program, exhibit preparation and gift shop. The Department is seeking Board approval in support of these 3 projects.

Proposition 84 Grant Guidelines state that grantees must operate and maintain the projects for a requisite number of years, based on the grant award. The land tenure requirement is 20 years, for grant awards up to \$1 million, and 30 years, for grant awards in excess of \$1 million. Upon successful award and completion of these projects by the L.A. Parks Foundation and FCMA, it is intended that the City's partnering agencies will transfer the grant responsibilities to the Department, including operations and maintenance obligations, subject to approval of said transfer by State Parks. State Parks requires a City Council Resolution be submitted with the grant application packages acknowledging the City's intent to accept the transfer of grant responsibilities, should these projects be awarded funding (Attachment Nos. 2 and 3). A similar resolution from the governing bodies for the L.A. Parks Foundation and FCMA, acknowledging the transfer, is also required.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

There is no anticipated fiscal impact on the Department's General Fund for the completion of these projects. However, future operations and maintenance costs after project completion have yet to be fully assessed.

This report was prepared by Susan Huntley, Chief Management Analyst, Grants Administration.

**RESOLUTION OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
Approving the Application for NATURE EDUCATION FACILITY PROGRAM FUNDS
Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal
Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84)**

WHEREAS, the State Department of Parks and Recreation has been delegated the responsibility by the Legislature of the State of California for the administration of the Nature Education Facilities Program, setting up necessary procedures governing the Application; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the State Department of Parks and Recreation require the applicant to certify by resolution the approval of application(s) before submission of said application(s) to the State; and

WHEREAS, the applicant will enter into a contract with the State of California to complete the PROJECT;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council hereby:
Approves the filing of an application for the South Los Angeles Wetlands Nature Education project, and

1. Certifies that said applicant has or will have available, prior to commencement of any work on the project included in this application, the sufficient funds to complete the project should this grant be awarded; and
2. Certifies that the applicant has or will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project; and
3. Certifies that the applicant has reviewed, understands, and agrees to the General Provisions contained in the contract shown in the Grant Administration Guide; and
4. Certifies that this project is consistent with the applicable city or county, or appropriate planning document, as the case may be; and
5. Delegates the authority to the General Manager, Executive Officer, or Assistant General Manager of the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks, to conduct all negotiations, sign and submit all documents, including, but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, and payment requests, which may be necessary for the completion of the project; and
6. Agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, ordinances, rules, regulations and guidelines.

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: _____

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
COMMITMENT TO ACCEPT DESIGNATED COMPLETED PROJECTS FOR THE
PROPOSITION 84 NATURE EDUCATION FACILITY PROGRAM SUBMITTED BY THE
LOS ANGELES PARKS FOUNDATION

WHEREAS, the State Department of Parks and Recreation has been delegated the responsibility by the Legislature of the State of California for the administration of the Nature Education Facilities Program, setting up necessary procedures governing the Application; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the State Department of Parks and Recreation require the applicant to certify by resolution the approval of application(s) before submission of said application(s) to the State; and

WHEREAS, the applicant, Los Angeles Parks Foundation (LAPF), will enter into a contract with the State of California to complete their grant funded project scopes;

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

Supports the filing of a grant application by the LAPF for the Griffith Park Horticultural Center project, and, subject to approval by the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners, should the grant funds be awarded:

1. Certifies that upon satisfactory completion of the designated project, including all accounting and project close out activities, the LAPF will transfer all grant contract obligations to the City of Los Angeles through its Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP), including operation and maintenance responsibilities for the project in accordance with the Grant Administration Guide; and
2. Delegates the authority to the General Manager, Department of Recreation and Parks, to sign and submit the amended grant contract naming the Department of Recreation and Parks as the new Grantee; and
3. Certifies that that the City has, or will have, sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project; and
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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
COMMITMENT TO ACCEPT DESIGNATED COMPLETED PROJECTS FOR THE
PROPOSITION 84 NATURE EDUCATION FACILITY PROGRAM SUBMITTED BY THE
FRIENDS OF CABRILLO MARINE AQUARIUM

WHEREAS, the State Department of Parks and Recreation has been delegated the responsibility by the Legislature of the State of California for the administration of the Nature Education Facilities Program, setting up necessary procedures governing the Application; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the State Department of Parks and Recreation require the applicant to certify by resolution the approval of application(s) before submission of said application(s) to the State; and

WHEREAS, the applicant, Friends of Cabrillo Marine Aquarium (FCMA), will enter into a contract with the State of California to complete their grant funded project scopes;

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

Supports the filing of a grant application by the FCMA for the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium Exhibit Improvement and Phase II Expansion, and, subject to approval by the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners, should the grant funds be awarded:

1. Certifies that upon satisfactory completion of the designated project, including all accounting and project close out activities, the FCMA will transfer all grant contract obligations to the City of Los Angeles through its Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP), including operation and maintenance responsibilities for the project in accordance with the Grant Administration Guide; and
2. Delegates the authority to the General Manager, Department of Recreation and Parks, to sign and submit the amended grant contract naming the Department of Recreation and Parks as the new Grantee; and
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