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REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

NO. 14-022

DATE February 5, 2014

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**BOARD OF RECREATION
AND PARK COMMISSIONERS**

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SUBJECT: LA84 FOUNDATION 2014 SUMMER SWIM PROGRAM – AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATION; ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS

R. Adams _____
R. Barajas _____
H. Fujita _____

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K. Regan _____
N. Williams _____


General Manager

Approved 

Disapproved _____

Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Approve the submission of a 2014 Summer Swim Program grant application to the LA84 Foundation to augment funding for the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) aquatics programming in the approximate amount of \$85,000.00, subject to Mayor and City Council approval;
2. Direct staff to transmit a copy of the grant application to the Mayor, Office of the City Administrative Officer (CAO), Office of the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA), and to the City Clerk for committee and City Council approval before accepting and receiving the grant award, pursuant to the Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 14.6 et seq. as may be amended;
3. Authorize RAP’s General Manager to accept and receive the LA84 Foundation 2014 Summer Swim Program grant, if awarded, in the approximate amount of \$85,000.00 from LA84 Foundation for aquatics programming, subject to the approval of the Mayor and City Council;
4. Designate RAP’s General Manager, Executive Officer, or Assistant General Manager, as the agent to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents, including, but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, and payment requests and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of the project(s); and
5. Authorize RAP’s Chief Accounting Employee to appropriate funding received to the necessary account within “Recreation and Parks Grant” Fund 205 to accept the LA84 Foundation 2014

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Summer Swim Program grant, if awarded, in the approximate amount of \$85,000.00 for aquatics programming.

SUMMARY:

In January 2014, the LA84 Foundation released its notice of funding availability for the 2014 Summer Swim Program to help fund the summer aquatic programs. The grant application is due by February 21, 2014.

For over twenty (20) years, the LA84 Foundation and the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) have worked collaboratively in conducting summer swim programming to serve primarily disadvantaged areas throughout the City of Los Angeles. The Program offers access to aquatic sports that typically eludes youth residing in underserved areas at approximately forty-eight (48) RAP pool sites. In keeping with RAP's focus on youth development and building healthy communities, the Program helps to increase the participant's knowledge of aquatic safety. During the 2013 Summer Swim Program, RAP served 2,000 youth, which included swimmers with disabilities.

If awarded, the LA84 Foundation 2014 Summer Swim Program grant would provide sponsorships for free swim lessons and free participation on a competitive aquatic sports team. Youth participating in the competitive sports would then be able to qualify to compete in special events, like the Summer Swim Festival, Diving Festival, Synchronized Swim Festival and/or the Water Polo Tournament competitions.

One of the Summer Swim Program's goals is to serve at least 2,000 youth, ages 7 to 17. Successful awards in previous years have allowed RAP to reach tens of thousands of disadvantaged youth.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

The acceptance of this grant does not require a match. There is no fiscal impact to RAP's General Fund.

This report was prepared by Mark Rose, Facility Director, Grants Administration.