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REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

NO. 14-273

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SUBJECT: JIM GILLIAM CHILD CARE CENTER – CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION 2015-2016 GENERAL CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT AND CALIFORNIA STATE PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS – AUTHORIZATION OF CONTINUED FUNDING APPLICATION FOR SUBSIDIZED PRESCHOOL SERVICES; ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS

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

*V. Israel _____
K. Regan _____
N. Williams _____

General Manager

Approved _____

Disapproved _____

Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Authorize the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) to submit a continued funding application for the 2015-2016 General Child Care Program (CCTR) in the amount of \$7,000.00 and the 2015-2016 California State Preschool Program (CSPP) in the amount of \$170,000.00 to the California Department of Education (CDE) for subsidized preschool services at the Jim Gilliam Child Care Center, subject to Mayor and City Council consideration;
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 awards, pursuant to Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 14.6 et seq. as may be amended;
3. Authorize RAP's General Manager to accept and receive the 2015-2016 CCTR continued funding, if awarded, in the amount of \$7,000.00 and the 2015-2016 CSPP continued funding, if awarded, in the amount of \$170,000.00 from the CDE for subsidized preschool services at the Jim Gilliam Child Care Center, subject to the approval of the Mayor and City Council;

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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, which may be necessary for the implementation and completion of the project(s);
5. Authorize RAP's Chief Accounting Employee to establish the necessary account and/or to appropriate funding received within "Recreation and Parks Grant" Fund 205 to accept the 2015-2016 CCTR continued funding, if awarded, in the amount of \$7,000.00 and the 2015-2016 CSPP funding, if awarded, in the amount of \$170,000.00 for subsidized preschool services at the Jim Gilliam Child Care Center, subject to the approval of the Mayor and City Council; and
6. Authorize RAP's Chief Accounting Employee to make any technical changes, as may be necessary to effectuate the intent of these funds.

SUMMARY:

In anticipation of the release of the November 2014 California Department of Education (CDE) notice of continued funding for fiscal year 2015-2016 Child Care and Development Programs, the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) requests approval to submit a grant application to help fund the Jim Gilliam Child Care Center preschool program. As a current recipient of General Child Care Program (CCTR) and California State Preschool Program (CSPP) funding, RAP is eligible to apply and, if awarded, RAP will use the funding to provide subsidized preschool services at the Jim Gilliam Child Care Center for eligible children ages three (3) to five (5) years old.

Since January of 1986, RAP has received the CDE funds to provide child care services at the Jim Gilliam Child Care Center, which serves children of families with incomes at or below the seventy-five (75) percent State median income level. The Jim Gilliam Child Care Center is RAP's first licensed preschool program with a licensed capacity to serve forty-five (45) children and is currently operating at full capacity as the center is located within a high need area. These subsidized funds also make it possible for children to receive full day preschool services. As studies have shown, preschool programming helps children develop academic, cognitive, and behavioral skills that have proven to increase their chances for future success. The full day services also give participants' parents, who would otherwise be unable to afford these services, the opportunity to seek employment or return to school in hopes of creating better economic opportunities for their families.

The CDE application is expected to be due in December 2014. Awards are typically announced once the State of California budget for fiscal year 2015-2016 is approved.

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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

The CCTR and CSPP grants do not require a match. The grants assist RAP by providing additional funding to continue the subsidized preschool program at the Jim Gilliam Child Care Center.

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