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REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

NO. 15-034

DATE February 18, 2015

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SUBJECT: LA84 FOUNDATION 2015 SUMMER SWIM PROGRAM -
AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATION; ACCEPTANCE OF
GRANT FUNDS

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General Manager

Approved _____

Disapproved _____

Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Approve the submission of a 2015 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 \$90,000.00, 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 2015 Summer Swim Program grant, if awarded, in the approximate amount of \$90,000.00 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

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Foundation 2015 Summer Swim Program grant, if awarded, in the approximate amount of \$90,000.00 for aquatics programming.

SUMMARY:

On January 9, 2015, the LA84 Foundation released its notice of funding availability for the 2015 Summer Swim Program to help fund the summer aquatic programs. The grant application is due by February 20, 2015. Similarly to past years, the goals of the LA84 Foundation in funding local aquatics programs are to increase the number of youth ages 7 to 17 that are water safe and learn to swim, as well as to increase all youth and especially girls participating in aquatic sports, including water polo.

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 2014 Summer Swim Program, RAP served about 2,000 youth which included swimmers with disabilities. If awarded again this year, the LA84 Foundation 2015 Summer Swim Program grant would provide sponsorships for 700 free swim lessons and free participation for another 1300 unduplicated youth on competitive teams for swimming, water polo, synchronized swimming, or diving. 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. If awarded, the grant will also be used to purchase a special portable scoreboard and timing clock which can be transported from pool to pool for use in water polo matches. Successful awards over two decades have allowed RAP to reach tens of thousands of disadvantaged youth over the years.

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 Vicki Israel, Assistant General Manager, and Linda Barth, Senior Management Analyst II, Partnership and Revenue Branch.