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REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

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SUBJECT: PLAZA DE LA RAZA GENERAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT (PRJ15011) – PROPOSITION A EXCESS FUNDS; AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATION; ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS; CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION AND YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PLAN

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Withdrawn _____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 Department of Recreation and Parks' (RAP) submission of a Proposition A Excess Funds grant application for the Plaza De La Raza General Improvements Project, which consists of the renovation of the existing parking lot, including landscaping and lighting improvements;
2. 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 completion of the Plaza De La Raza General Improvements Project;
3. Recommend to the City Council the adoption of the accompanying Resolution, which authorizes the submission of a grant application for the Proposition A Excess Funds grant in the amount of \$70,000.00 from the First Supervisorial District of the County of Los Angeles in partnership with the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for the Plaza De La Raza General Improvements Project;
4. Recommend to the City Council the adoption of the accompanying Proposition A Youth Employment Plan (YEP), relative to the Plaza De La Raza General Improvements Project;
5. Authorize RAP's Chief Accounting Employee to establish the necessary account and/or

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to appropriate funding received within "Recreation and Parks Grant" Fund 205 to accept the Proposition A Excess Funds grant in the amount of \$70,000.00 for the Plaza De La Raza General Improvements Project; and

6. Direct staff to transmit a copy of the Resolution and YEP to the City Clerk for committee and City Council approval, in accordance with Proposition A grant guidelines.

SUMMARY:

In October 2014, the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) was notified by the First Supervisorial District of the County of Los Angeles that RAP was invited to submit a grant application for Proposition A Excess Funds in the amount of \$70,000.00 for the Plaza De La Raza General Improvements Project, which is located in East Los Angeles at the Plaza de la Raza Cultural Center for the Arts and Education (Cultural Center), 3540 N. Mission Road, Los Angeles, California 90031, within Lincoln Park. Through an Operating Lease Agreement with RAP, Plaza de la Raza, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization since 1970, manages the Cultural Center.

Upon approval of the Proposition A funding allocation, total funding for this project will be \$833,425.00, which is the estimated cost of the project. Current funding for this project consists of the proposed \$70,000.00 in Proposition A Excess Funds, \$523,425.00 in Proposition A Discretionary Funds, \$150,000.00 in Proposition K funds, and \$90,000.00 in Capital Improvement Expenditure Plan Funds for a total of \$833,425.00. The Plaza De La Raza General Improvements Project consists of the renovation of the existing parking lot, including, landscaping and lighting improvements. The project is estimated to be completed by June 2016. The project will be completed through a City-approved contract vendor. The project will be managed by the Bureau of Engineering, Architectural Division.

In accordance with the Proposition A grant guidelines, along with the authorizing City Council Resolution, a Youth Employment Plan (YEP), which indicates whether or not at-risk youth (ages 14-24) were considered for hire and whether or not at-risk youth (ages 14-24) will be employed in the development of the project, has been completed for this project. With its analysis of the activities necessary for the development of this project, staff has determined that due to the nature of the scope of work for this project, there are no tasks that can be performed by at-risk youth; and therefore, no at-risk youth will be hired for this project. When practical, RAP has employed at-risk youth to assist with the completion of various capital projects.

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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

In accordance with the terms noted in the Operating Lease Agreement, Plaza de la Raza is responsible for maintaining the facility; therefore, there is no anticipated fiscal impact to RAP's General Fund.

This report was prepared by Isophine Atkinson, Senior Management Analyst, Grants Administration.

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM
THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT
FOR THE FIRST SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT EXCESS FUNDS AND APPROVING
THE ADOPTION OF A YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PLAN FOR THE
PLAZA DE LA RAZA GENERAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the people of the County of Los Angeles on November 3, 1992, and on November 5, 1996 enacted Los Angeles County Proposition A, Safe Neighborhood Parks, Gang Prevention, Tree-Planting, Senior and Youth Recreation, Beach and Wildlife Protection (the Propositions), which among other uses, provides funds to public agencies and nonprofit organizations in the County for the purpose of acquiring and/or development facilities and open space for public recreation;

WHEREAS, the Propositions also created the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (the District) to administer said funds;

WHEREAS, the District has set forth the necessary procedures governing application for grant funds under the Propositions;

WHEREAS, the District's procedures require the City of Los Angeles to certify, by resolution, the approval of the application before submission of said application(s) to the District; and

WHEREAS, said application contains assurances that the City of Los Angeles must comply with;

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles will enter into an Agreement with the District to provide funds for acquisition and development projects; and,

WHEREAS, the District's procedures require the adoption of a Youth Employment Plan for development projects by the governing body of the agency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES HEREBY:

1. Approves the filing of an application with the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for First Supervisorial District Excess Funds for the above project;
2. Certifies that the City of Los Angeles understands both the assurances and certification requirements in the application form;
3. Certifies that the City of Los Angeles has, or will have, sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project in perpetuity;
4. Certifies that the City of Los Angeles will sign and return within 30 days, both copies of the project agreement sent by the District for authorizing signature; and

5. Approves the adoption of a Youth Employment Plan for the project (see attached);
and
6. Appoints the General Manager, Executive Officer, or Assistant General Manager, Department of Recreation and Parks, to conduct all negotiations, and to execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to, applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests and so forth, 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 _____.

HOLLY L. WOLCOTT, City Clerk

By: _____

**City of Los Angeles
Plaza De La Raza General Improvements Project
Grant No. (TBD)**

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PLAN

Background:

The City of Los Angeles is using up to \$70,000.00 in Proposition A Excess Funds from the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions for the project.

The proposed project will consist of the renovation of the existing parking lot, including landscaping and lighting improvements.

Tasks that may be performed by at-risk youth:

None.

Estimated Cost of Youth Employment:

Total estimated hours of youth employment on the project: **None.**

Estimated cost per hour: **None.**

Total estimated cost of youth employment: **None.**

Method of Youth Employment:

Due to the nature of the project and requirement of skilled labor, the City of Los Angeles will not be able to employ local at-risk youth (Ages 14-24) on the project.

Youth Employment Goal:

Under the provisions of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District's policy on employment of at-risk youth, the Proposition A Youth Employment Goal (YEG) of the City of Los Angeles is \$12,188,486.00 (equal to fifty percent of the City of Los Angeles's Maintenance and Servicing funds allocations from the 1992 (A-I) and 1996 (A-II) Propositions). To date, the City has received credit for employing at-risk youth totaling \$15,628,838.00 in youth labor wages paid and has satisfied its Proposition A At-Risk Youth Employment obligation.