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REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

NO. 15-021

DATE January 21, 2015

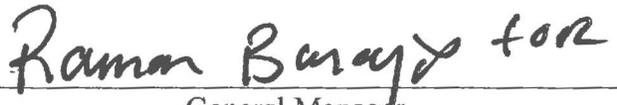
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SUBJECT: RALPH M. PARSONS PRE-SCHOOL – CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION 2015-2016 CALIFORNIA STATE PRE-SCHOOL PROGRAM EXPANSION FUNDS – AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATION FOR SUBSIDIZED PRE-SCHOOL SERVICES; ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS

R. Adams _____	*V. Israel 
R. Barajas _____	K. Regan _____
H. Fujita _____	N. Williams _____


General Manager

Approved

Disapproved

Withdrawn

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Retroactively authorize the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) to submit an application for 2015-2016 California State Preschool Program (CSPP) Expansion Funds in the approximate amount of \$240,681.00 to the California Department of Education (CDE) for subsidized preschool services at the Ralph M. Parsons Pre-School, 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 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 CSPP Expansion Funds, if awarded, in the amount of \$240,681.00 from the CDE for subsidized preschool services at the Ralph M. Parsons Pre-School, 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

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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 CSPP Expansion Funds, if awarded, in the amount of \$240,681.00 for subsidized preschool services at the Ralph M. Parsons Pre-school, 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 November 2014, the California Department of Education (CDE) released a Request for Applications (RFA) for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 California State Preschool Program (CSPP) funding to help increase the availability of preschool services statewide. The Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) submitted the CSPP Expansion Funds application by the deadline of January 5, 2015. If awarded, RAP will use the funding to provide subsidized preschool services at the Ralph M. Parsons Pre-school for three (3) and four (4) year old children as a condition of the grant guidelines.

Since Ralph M. Parsons Pre-school, 841 W. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90037, first opened its doors in January 2004, RAP has provided preschool services for the families living in the surrounding areas. Located within a high need area of South Los Angeles, the Ralph M. Parsons Pre-school has a licensed capacity to serve ninety (90) children ranging from three (3) to five (5) years old and is currently operating at full capacity.

In keeping with RAP's mission, the CSPP Expansion Funds grant will help give low-income families who would otherwise be unable to afford these services, access to quality, affordable services by making it possible for these families 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.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

This grant does not require a match and will help subsidize preschool fees and programming costs at the Ralph M. Parsons Pre-school; therefore, no fiscal impact to the General Fund is anticipated.

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

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Attached hereto as Exhibit-A is a list of Gifts with a total value of \$235,451.00, provided by LAPF to RAP during a three (3) month period from July 2014 through September 2014, including the names of the benefitting facilities and/or intended purpose(s).

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

Acceptance of these Gifts results in no fiscal impact to RAP's General Fund except for unknown savings as such gifts may offset certain RAP expenditures.

This report was prepared by Joel Alvarez, Senior Management Analyst, in coordination with Judith Kieffer, Executive Director of the Los Angeles Parks Foundation.

Exhibit-A

Los Angeles Parks Foundation
Gifts to Department of Recreation and Parks
July 2014 to September 2014

Program / Projects	Purpose	Amount
Park Events --		
	Duck Derby / Balboa Park	\$ 1,840.00
	3 movie nights / South Los Angeles	4,500.00
	Haunted Hayride / Griffith Park	125,000.00
	Harvest Festival / Los Angeles City Parks	75,000.00
Donate-A-Bench Program --		
	2 benches and 2 plaques	9,700.00
Friends of the Park --		
	Various parks	2,450.00
	Rustic Canyon Park improvements	6,961.00
Loren Miller Recreation Center --		
	Purchase and installation of surveillance cameras	10,000.00
	Total Gifted	\$ 235,451.00