

REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

NO. 15-231

DATE November 18, 2015

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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: KAISER PERMANENTE – OPERATION SPLASH PROGRAM 2016 –  
RETROACTIVE AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT GRANT RENEWAL  
APPLICATION FOR AQUATICS PROGRAMMING; ACCEPTANCE OF  
GRANT FUNDS

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General Manager

Approved \_\_\_\_\_

Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_

Withdrawn \_\_\_\_\_

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Retroactively authorize the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) to submit a renewal grant application to Kaiser Permanente for the Operation Splash Program for 2016 in the amount of Two Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars (\$240,000.00) for RAP aquatics programming, subject to Mayor and City Council consideration;
2. Direct staff to transmit a copy of the grant renewal application documents 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 Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 14.6 et seq. as may be amended;
3. Authorize RAP's General Manager to accept and receive the Operation Splash Program 2016 renewal grant, if awarded, in the amount of Two Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars (\$240,000.00) from Kaiser Permanente for aquatics programming and the "Rethink Your Drink" program, subject to the approval of the Mayor and City Council;
4. Designate RAP's General Manager, Chief Financial 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);

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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 Operation Splash Program 2016 renewal grant, if awarded, in the amount of Two Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars (\$240,000.00) for aquatics programming; 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:

Kaiser Permanente is a valued partner whose annual grants have allowed RAP to enhance aquatic services throughout the City over the last nine (9) years. For the summer of 2015, Kaiser Permanente awarded RAP Two Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars (\$240,000.00) under their Operation Splash program. As in past years, this grant funded free swimming lessons and subsidized Junior Lifeguard participation for thousands of youth in low-income areas of the City, as well as an extra week of public operation for some seasonal pools. In anticipation of the 2016 summer season, Kaiser recently approached RAP management and invited an application for renewal of the 2015 grant for Two Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars (\$240,000.00), in place of requiring a full proposal process. The renewal application documents were due to Kaiser Permanente on October 19, 2015, and were timely submitted by staff.

As in past years, the objectives for the 2016 Operation Splash include: 1) increasing opportunities for safe physical activities in low-income neighborhoods where health disparities are greatest and opportunities for safe physical activity are often scarce; 2) teaching children and adults basic water safety and swimming skills in order to prevent drowning; 3) promoting life-long physical activity; and 4) promoting healthy beverage choices.

In 2016, the renewed grant will be used again to supplement funding for RAP's Learn-to-Swim and Junior Lifeguard Programs, as well as the "Rethink Your Drink" program which encourages healthy beverage choices, at approximately forty-eight (48) RAP pool sites located within disadvantaged areas of the City. It also helps RAP extend the pool season by one (1) week at approximately seven (7) RAP pool sites. These aquatic programs teach youth swimming fundamentals, water safety, emergency response, teamwork, and goal setting. Approximately Seven Thousand (7,000) youth ages seven (7) to seventeen (17) years old are projected to be served through this grant program.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

The acceptance of this grant does not require match funding. The grant provides essential funding that augments aquatic services to youth. There is no fiscal impact to RAP's General Fund.

This report was prepared by Vicki Israel, Assistant General Manager