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REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

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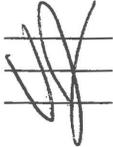
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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: LA84 FOUNDATION 2016 SUMMER SWIM PROGRAM – AUTHORIZATION TO
SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATION; ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS

R. Barajas
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K. Regan _____
N. Williams _____



General Manager

Approved

Disapproved _____

Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Approve the submission of a 2016 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 Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00), 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 and City Council for 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 2016 Summer Swim Program grant, if awarded, in the approximate amount of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) from LA84 Foundation for aquatics programming, subject to the approval of the Mayor and City Council;
4. Designate RAP's General Manager 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 Foundation 2016 Summer Swim Program grant, if awarded, in the approximate amount of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) for aquatics programming.

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SUMMARY:

LA84 Foundation released its notice of funding availability for the 2016 Summer Swim Program to help fund summer aquatic programs throughout Southern California.

The goal of the LA84 Foundation in funding local aquatics programs is to increase the number of youth ages seven to seventeen (7 to 17) that are water safe and who learn to swim. Other goals for 2016 are increasing the number of girls playing aquatics sports. RAP is committed to improving the participation of girls in sports. In 2015, the participation of girls in water polo increased to thirty-seven percent (37%) from twenty-five percent (25%) in 2014.

For over twenty (20) years, the LA84 Foundation and RAP have worked collaboratively in conducting summer swim programming to serve primarily disadvantaged areas throughout the City of Los Angeles. Their generous grant funding over these two (2) decades has allowed RAP to reach tens of thousands of youth over the years. The Program offers access to aquatic sports at approximately forty-nine (49) 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 2015 Summer Swim Program, RAP served about two thousand (2,000) youth which included swimmers with disabilities. If awarded again this year, the LA84 Foundation 2016 Summer Swim Program grant would provide sponsorships for five hundred five (505) free swim lessons and free participation for another eleven hundred four (1104) 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 the culminating tournaments: Summer Swim Festival, Diving Festival, Synchronized Swim Festival, and the Water Polo Tournament competitions.

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