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SUBJECT: JIM GILLIAM CHILD CARE CENTER AND RALPH M. PARSONS PRESCHOOL AT EXPO CENTER – CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION 2018-2019 CALIFORNIA CENTER-BASED CHILD CARE AND CALIFORNIA STATE PRESCHOOL PROGRAM – AUTHORIZATION OF CONTINUED FUNDING APPLICATION FOR SUBSIDIZED PRESCHOOL SERVICES; ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS

AP Diaz _____ *V. Israel _____
R. Barajas _____ N. Williams _____
H. Fujita _____



General Manager

Approved x Disapproved _____ Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Authorize the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) to submit a continued funding application to the California Department of Education (CDE) for funding at the current levels of Seven Thousand, Four Hundred Fifty-Two Dollars (\$7,452.00) for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2018-2019 California Center-Based Child Care (CCTR), if awarded, for the Jim Gilliam Child Care Center, and Six Hundred Ninety-Nine Thousand, Five Hundred Seventy-Eight Dollars (\$699,578.00) for the FY 2018-2019 California State Preschool Program (CSPP), if awarded, for subsidized preschool services at the Jim Gilliam Child Care Center and Ralph M. Parsons Preschool at Expo Center, subject to Mayor and City Council consideration;
2. Direct RAP staff to transmit a copy of the continued funding 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 from CDE continued funding of Seven Thousand, Four Hundred Fifty-Two Dollars (\$7,452.00) under the FY 2018-2019 CCTR, if awarded, for the Jim Gilliam Child Care Center, and Six Hundred Ninety-Nine Thousand, Five Hundred Seventy-Eight Dollars (\$699,578.00) under the FY 2018-2019 CSPP, if awarded, for subsidized preschool services at the Jim Gilliam Child Care Center

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and Ralph M. Parsons Preschool at Expo Center, or any amount awarded in subsequent amendments, 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 grant documents, including, but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, and payment requests, which may be necessary for the acceptance and use of grant funds;
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 FY 2018-2019 CCTR continued funding, if awarded, in the amount of Seven Thousand, Four Hundred Fifty-Two Dollars (\$7,452.00) for the Jim Gilliam Child Care Center, and the 2018-2019 CSPP continued funding, if awarded, in the amount of Six Hundred Ninety-Nine Thousand, Five Hundred Seventy-Eight Dollars (\$699,578.00), from the CDE for subsidized preschool services at the Jim Gilliam Child Care Center and Ralph M. Parsons Preschool at Expo Center, or any amount awarded in subsequent amendments; 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 October 2017, RAP was notified that the CDE would begin receiving applications for continued funding for FY 2018-2019 childcare and preschool programs in December 2017. As a current recipient of CCTR funding which subsidizes child care for two to three year olds, and CSPP funding which provides subsidy for pre-kindergarteners, RAP is eligible to apply for continuation of existing levels of funding in each program. For the FY 2017-2018, RAP was authorized up to Seven Thousand, Four Hundred Fifty-Two Dollars (\$7,452.00), under CCTR for the Jim Gilliam Child Care Center. The original grant amount for the FY 2017-2018 was \$6,596, however, an increase in funding was received during the grant period through Amendment 01 to the new amount of \$7,452. For the FY 2017-2018, RAP was authorized up to Six Hundred Ninety-Nine Thousand, Five Hundred Seventy-Eight Dollars (\$699,578.00) under the CSPP Program, for the Jim Gilliam Child Care Center and Ralph M. Parsons Preschool programs. The original grant amount for FY 2017-2018 was \$618,795, however, an increase of funding was received during the grant period through Amendment 01 to the new amount of \$699,578. If awarded continued funding for FY 2018-2019, RAP will continue to use the funding to provide subsidized preschool services at the Jim Gilliam Child Care Center and Ralph M. Parsons Preschool at Expo Center for eligible children ages three to five years old. These awards are maximum reimbursable amounts with payments made by the CDE based on RAP's quarterly reports of actual enrollment, attendance, and expenses.

For thirty-one (31) years since January of 1986, RAP has received CDE funds to provide child care services at the Jim Gilliam Child Care Center, which serves children of families with incomes at or below seventy-five percent (75%) of the State median income level. The Jim Gilliam Child Care Center is RAP's first licensed preschool program with a licensed capacity to serve forty-five (45) children, and is currently operating at full capacity as the Center is located

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within a high need area. These grant funds make it possible for as many as thirty-two (32) children to receive subsidized full-day preschool services at Jim Gilliam Child Care Center.

The Ralph M. Parsons Preschool within EXPO Center (Parsons) is a State-licensed preschool able to serve up to ninety (90) children ages three to five. In 2006, RAP received an initial grant from the Los Angeles Universal Preschool (LAUP) to subsidize thirty-two (32) children for a half-day preschool at Parsons. LAUP is a local non-profit organization which received and distributed a portion of funds generated from the 1998 passage of Proposition 10, the Tobacco Tax, to eligible preschool providers in Los Angeles. Since the initial grant award, RAP had continued to receive a grant annually to subsidize about one-third (1/3) of the Parsons preschool enrollment while the remaining preschool slots were enrolled with children whose families paid customary fees, which typically amount to Eighty Dollars (\$80.00) per week for half-day preschool to One Hundred Forty Dollars (\$140.00) for full-day preschool. Funding from LAUP to Ralph M. Parsons ended in FY 2015-2016. Effective FY 2016-2017 CDE began providing funding for Ralph M. Parsons Preschool in addition to the Jim Gilliam Child Care Center. These grant funds make it possible for as many as thirty (30) children to receive subsidized full-day preschool services with a nutrition component at Parsons.

Studies have shown that preschool programming helps children develop academic, cognitive, and behavioral skills that have proven to increase their chances for future success. The full-day services also give participants' parents, who would otherwise be unable to afford these services, the opportunity to seek employment, or return to school in hopes of creating better economic opportunities for their families.

The continuation funding application for FY 2018-19 will be submitted before the deadline of December 1, 2017. Award amounts are typically announced once the State of California budget for the subject fiscal year is approved. With the nutrition component added to the services provided at Ralph M. Parsons Preschool at Expo Center, they would receive approximately 52% of the grant funds and Jim Gilliam Child Care Center would receive approximately 48% of the total funds awarded.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The acceptance of this CDE grant does not require match funding. The grants assist RAP by providing additional funding to continue the subsidized preschool program at the Jim Gilliam Child Care Center and the Ralph M. Parsons Preschool within EXPO Center.

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