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BOARD REPORT

NO. 20-162

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SUBJECT: L.A. FOR KIDS PROGRAM 10TH FUNDING CYCLE – PARKS FIRST TRUST FUND (PARKS FIRST) GRANT PROPOSAL – BARNSDALL PARK – RESTROOM AND PARK IMPROVEMENTS – AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATION; RESOLUTION

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If Approved: Board President Sylvia Paboncas Board Secretary H. A. ...

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Authorize the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) to submit a 10th Funding Cycle grant proposal for the proposed Project, as detailed in this Report to the L.A. for Kids Program in response to the 10th Funding Cycle – Parks First Trust Fund (Parks First) Requests for Proposals;
2. Adopt the accompanying Resolution (Attachment No. 1), designating RAP's General Manager, or designee, as the person authorized to obligate the grantee and execute all contractual documents required of successful grantee agencies for the 10th Funding Cycle – Park First Request for Proposal process; and
3. Authorize RAP staff to make adjustments to the proposed scope of work and estimated grant amount as necessary to carry out the intent of this Report.

SUMMARY

In January 2001, the Vermont/Western Station Neighborhood Area Plan (SNAP) Specific Plan (Ordinance No. 173749) was established by City Council. SNAP covers an area of approximately 2.2 square miles within the Hollywood and Wilshire communities within Council District 4, 10, and 13 (see Attachment No. 2).

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The Parks First Program was established for the purpose of developing ten or more acres of small parks and other open space within the Plan Area. The SNAP Ordinance requires that prior to issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy, an applicant for any residential project within the Plan Area must pay a fee to the Parks First Trust Fund of \$4,300 per dwelling unit. In lieu of paying the Parks First fee, an applicant may choose to provide park or open space onsite or off-site so long as certain conditions are met as provided in the SNAP Ordinance.

The Parks First Trust Fund (Ordinance No. 173964) provides that the L.A. For Kids Steering Committee (LAFKSC) shall administer, have overall management of, and expend funds from the Parks First Trust Fund. Monies in the Parks First Trust Fund shall be used only for the purpose of acquiring land and developing, improving and maintaining parks and open space that are physically located within the boundaries of the Vermont/Western SNAP area. At least 15 percent of the monies in the Parks First Trust Fund must be allocated over the life of the Plan for operation and maintenance of the parks and open spaces developed within the Plan area. For the 10th Funding Cycle, approximately \$3.2 million has been made available for eligible projects.

On February 27, 2020, LAFKSC, on behalf of the City of Los Angeles, released the 10th Funding Cycle Request for Proposals (RFP) inviting proposals to be submitted by eligible proposers for eligible projects for the Proposition K L.A. for Kids Program. The original deadline for submission of grant proposals was May 28, 2020. Funding for this RFP was available for the following sources/categories:

Part One – Proposition K Funds: \$16,145,276

I. Restricted Funds – Available Funding Categories:

- a. Youth Schools/Recreational Projects (recreation as related to schools only): \$10,650,619.
- b. Aquatic Upgrades: \$500,000
- c. Acquisition of Parks/Natural Lands: \$2,728,734
- d. Urban Greening: \$195,823

II. Unrestricted Funds of \$2,070,100 – will be available for all eight categories

1. Regional Recreation/Education Facilities
2. Neighborhood at-Risk Youth Recreation Facilities
3. Youth Schools/Recreational Projects
4. Aquatic Upgrades
5. Athletic Fields
6. Lighting
7. Urban Greening
8. Acquisition of Parks/Natural Land

Part Two – Health Alternatives to Smoking (HATS) Trust Fund: \$1,230,933.

Part Three – Vermont/Western SNAP Parks First Trust Fund: \$3,150,010.

At the May 7, 2020 L.A. for Kids Steering Committee meeting, staff from the Office of the City Administrative Officer (CAO) recommended to withdraw and extend portions of the 10th Funding

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Cycle RFP due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The CAO recommended that LAFKSC request the Los Angeles City Council (City Council) to extend the 10th Cycle Request For Proposal (RFP) submission deadline for the Vermont/Western Station Neighborhood Area Plan (SNAP) - Parks First Trust Fund by three months, from May 28, 2020, to August 27, 2020; and, further to authorize the Bureau of Engineering (BOE) to withdraw the Proposition K, and Health Alternatives to Smoking Trust Fund (HATS) funding from this Request for Proposal (RFP), and to reissue the RFP for Proposition K and HATS in February, 2021. City Council approved the recommended withdrawal and extension of portions of the 10th Funding Cycle RFP on May 26, 2020 (Council File No. 20-0138).

In concurrence with the Office of Council District 13 and RAP's Planning, Construction and Maintenance Branch (PCM) staff, the Barnsdall Park – Restroom and Park Improvement Project (Project) has been identified for the submission of the proposal for 10th Funding Cycle – Parks First Trust Fund competitive grant funds. Pursuant to the RFP, the grant proposal must include a Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (Board) Resolution authorizing submission of the proposals, committing to make the property available for the project, and specifying the person(s) authorized to obligate the grantee and execute all contractual documents required of successful grantee agencies.

PCM staff has assessed the proposed Project. This property owned by RAP, is located at 4800 Hollywood Blvd, Los Angeles, 90027 within Council District 13. It is the home location of the historical Hollyhock House, Barnsdall Junior Art Center, and Barnsdall Gallery Theatre, and the Los Angeles Municipal Art Gallery. Currently these four buildings are operated by the Department of Cultural Affairs bringing over 45,000 visitors annually.

The proposed Project consists of the installation of a new restroom with additional park improvements which may include, security features, lighting, and accessibility. The proposed Project cost is estimated to be \$3,100,000. There is no match requirement associated with this grant program; however, supplemental funding is encouraged.

RAP staff will return to the Board with final design plans for approval.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

Prior to undertaking the activities for which the Grant funds are being sought, as the lead agency for the projects, RAP must perform, complete, and certify the adequacy of the environmental review in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The appropriate CEQA documentation will be submitted for consideration when each grant-related project is presented before the Board for final approval.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no expected fiscal impact to RAP's General Fund in applying for the 10th Funding Cycle - Parks First Trust Fund RFP. The maintenance for the projects is unknown at this time.

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An additional \$555,884 has been set aside for operation and maintenance of the parks and open spaces developed with Parks First funding. The Parks First operation and maintenance funds will be awarded through a separate process at a later date.

STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVES AND GOALS

Approval of this Board Report advances RAP's Strategic Plan by supporting:

Goal No. 1:	Provide Safe and Accessible Parks
Outcome No. 1:	Every Angeleno has walkable access to a park in their neighborhood.
Key Metric:	Percentage of Angelenos with park access within a ½ mile radius of their home.
Target:	60% by 2022.
Result:	Increase safety and accessibility to park visitors and accessibility with a public restroom when the buildings on the property beyond the four hours of operation and to increase music recital and art events.

This Report was prepared by Kai Wong, Senior Project Coordinator, Grants Administration, Finance Division and reviewed by Bill Jones, Chief Management Analyst, Grants Administration, Finance Division.

LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

- 1) Resolution
- 2) Map of the SNAP area

RESOLUTION NO. _____

WHEREAS, the passage of a Specific Plan for the Vermont/Western Station Neighborhood Area (SNAP) (Ordinance No. 173749) that covers an area of approximately 2.2 square mile within the Hollywood and Wilshire communities within Council District 4, 10, and 13; and

WHEREAS, Parks First Trust Fund requires developers either pay a fee of \$4,300 per dwelling or park or open space within the SNAP area; and

WHEREAS, the L.A. for Kids Steering Committee, on behalf of the City of Los Angeles, has released the 10th Funding Cycle Request for Proposals inviting proposals to be submitted for eligible capital improvement and/or acquisition projects for the L.A. for Kids Program; and

WHEREAS, the L.A. for Kids Program has made available approximately \$3,150,010 for the Parks First Trust Fund competitive grant process for the 10th Funding Cycle commencing July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Parks First is open through a competitive process for governmental agencies, City departments, and non-profit organizations; and

WHEREAS, projects within the boundaries of the SNAP may be eligible for Parks First funding, for the purpose of acquiring land and developing, improving and maintaining parks and open space that are physically located within the boundaries of the Vermont/Western Station Area Plan (SNAP)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners authorizes the General Manager of the Department of Recreation and Parks or designee to submit grant application for the proposed capital improvement project, Barnsdall Park – Restroom and Park Improvements in response to the 10th Funding Cycle Request for Proposals; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board commits to making the property available for purposes of the projects and its related programs and services thereto, if awarded grant funds; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board authorizes the General Manager of the Department of Recreation and Parks or designee to obligate the grantee and execute all contractual documents required of successful Parks First grantee agencies.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners of the City of Los Angeles at its meeting held on _____ (Board Report No. _____).

HAROLD ARRIVILLAGA, Board Secretary

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