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REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

NO. 07-06

DATE January 3, 2007

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SUBJECT: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (CDE) FUNDING
APPLICATION FOR PRE-KINDERGARTEN AND FAMILY LITERACY
PROGRAM GRANT

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 General Manager

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RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board:

1. Approve the submission of an application to the California Department of Education for funding for the 2006-07 Pre-kindergarten and Family Literacy Program at various facilities;
2. Direct staff to transmit the grant application to the Mayor and the City Council; and,
3. Authorize the General Manager to represent the City and execute the corresponding grant agreement, and any subsequent amendments thereto, pursuant to Administrative Code Section 14.6 et seq. as may be amended, on behalf of the City.

SUMMARY:

The California Department of Education (CDE) has published notification of funding for the Pre-kindergarten and Family Literacy Program (PKFLP) to serve four-year-old children in underserved areas. The PKFLP funding is designed to facilitate the transition into kindergarten, increase a child's readiness for school, and provide opportunities for parents and legal guardians to work with their children on interactive literacy activities. Child Care Centers will be selected based on the eligibility requirements of the grant and will be within the areas of elementary schools that have been ranked in the base 2005 Academic Performance Index Deciles 1-3, yet to be released.

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The Department is a current recipient of CDE General Childcare Program Funds, which provide grant monies to the Jim Gilliam Child Care Center for its subsidized preschool program. The Department is also a current recipient of CDE Latchkey Program grant funds which are utilized for subsidized after school child care services at the following seven licensed Department child care centers: Baldwin Hills, Echo Park, Eagle Rock, Evergreen, Loren Miller, South Park, and Hubert Humphrey. The Child Care Program is a vital component of the Department's overall recreation services and provides a much needed service to the community. The Department's preschool programs provide young boys and girls necessary skills in fine and gross motor movement, as well as cognitive skills for continuous learning development. Receipt of PKLFP funding will provide the Department the resources to offer free or low cost preschool programs to families in the areas served by the selected centers. Many families in these areas would benefit from a preschool program but are unable to afford it.

The Department expects to receive notification of funding on February 28, 2007. The contract period is for one state fiscal year, with the opportunity to qualify for continued funding in subsequent years.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

This grant does not require a match and results in no fiscal impact to the General Fund. The grant would provide for the preschool program to be offered to patrons for free or low-cost.

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