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SUBJECT: AMENDMENT TO THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN RECREATION AND PARKS AND THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT FOR THE JUVENILE JUSTICE CRIME PREVENTION ACT AFTER-SCHOOL ENRICHMENT AND SUPERVISION PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006-2007

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General Manager

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Disapproved _____

Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board:

1. Approve a proposed amendment to 2006-2007 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), substantially in the form on file in the Board Office, subject to approval of the Mayor and the City Council, and the City Attorney as to form, between the Department of Recreation and Parks (Department) and the Los Angeles County Probation Department (County) for continued Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA) grant funding for enhancement to the services referenced in the MOU approved on June 15, 2006;
2. Direct the Board Secretary to transmit forthwith the proposed Amendment to the Mayor in accordance with Executive Directive No. 3 and to the City Attorney for review as to form; and,
3. Direct the Board President and Secretary to expeditiously execute the proposed Amendment subsequent to receipt of the necessary approvals.

SUMMARY:

After six years of successful operation and over \$3.8 million in JJCPA grant funding received by the Department via the County, the Department has been offered an additional \$225,000 for fiscal year 2006-07 to expand programs designed to serve at-risk youth through the Clean and Safe Spaces (CLASS) Parks Youth Employment Internship Program (YEIP).

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In January, 2002, the Department was initially awarded \$750,000 in grant funds to expand prevention services for at-risk youth within the City of Los Angeles City. Since then, the CLASS Parks program has continued to fulfill expectations of the County through YEIP. YEIP has provided training to over 2,400 young people from the inception of the program in June of 2002 through January 31, 2007, with opportunities for improving job and life skills and enhanced community involvement. This has been accomplished due to the County's continued support of expanded learning opportunities within YEIP over the past six years and through offers of supplemental funding through the JJCPA's After-School Enrichment and Supervision Program (ASES). JJCPA grants are expended on a reimbursement basis, and the Department's acceptance of such reimbursements has been effectuated through MOUs with the County. These documents also contain provisions to amend the term and to add funding to extend programming by mutual written consent and approval by both parties.

On June 15, 2006, the Board approved an MOU for the Department to receive \$520,000 in JJCPA grant funding for the continuation of YEIP for the fiscal year term 2006-2007, and provide youth services during specified hours of peak juvenile crime occurrences (Board Report No. 06-166). In April 2007, the County informed the Department that it had identified unspent 2006-07 JJCPA funds to be made available for expenditure in fiscal year 2006-07 to its JJCPA partners. The County offered the Department an additional \$225,000 to further enhance YEIP services by amending its current MOU. In exchange the Department will offer the following enhanced services:

- Expansion of the ASES program by increasing the number of educational and recreational summer trips for youth and their families,
- Enhancement of the YEIP Film Production Internship program by increasing the number of cameras and digital editing computers available for interns,
- Addition of two film festivals for the participants and their families, and
- Guidance for teens in acquiring life skills through expansion of team building training sessions at 46 CLASS Parks Teen Centers. The CLASS Parks Recreation Coordinator assigned to each Teen Center will receive a package of specialized materials to facilitate team building among participants in a variety of contexts, with the goal of enhancing each teen's development of life skills.

These funds must be spent by December 31, 2007. Authority to amend the term and the funding for these services under the current MOU is provided for under Section II and Section III, respectively. The Department welcomes this opportunity to further expand its involvement in JJCPA funded programs due to the enormous need for supervised after-school enrichment activities for at-risk youth in the City's parks and surrounding communities and recommends that the Board approve amending its current MOU with the County to extend the term and to include additional funding, for a grand total of \$745,000 in fiscal year 2006-07 funding.

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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

This Amendment will allow the Department to advance funds to provide additional services for YEIP participants and then submit requests for reimbursement to the County. The monies must be obligated by June 30, 2007, and upon timely approval of the proposed amendment to the MOU by the City, the County will ensure that the funds are obligated in a timely manner. There is no fiscal impact on the Department's General Fund.

This report was prepared by Ann Vollmer, CLASS Parks.