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REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

NO. 13-060

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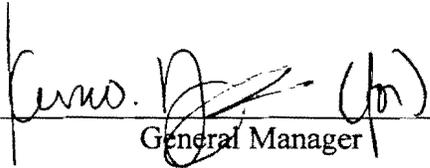
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SUBJECT: NATIONAL RECREATION AND PARKS ASSOCIATION – GREEN PARKS
GREEN KIDS PROGRAM – AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT GRANT
APPLICATION; ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS

R. Adams	_____	K. Regan	_____
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General Manager

Approved _____ Disapproved _____ Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Retroactively approve the submission of a National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) Green Parks Green Kids Program grant application to augment funding for the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) interpretive nature programming for children in the approximate amount of \$7,000, 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 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 the Green Parks Green Kids Program grant award, if awarded, in the approximate amount of \$7,000 from NRPA for children's interpretive nature programming, subject to the approval of the Mayor and City Council;
4. Designate RAP's General Manager, Executive Officer, 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; and,

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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 Green Parks Green Kids Program grant, if awarded, in the approximate amount of \$7,000 for children's interpretive nature programming.

SUMMARY:

In December 2012, the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) announced the Green Parks Green Kids program grant, which seeks to promote and enhance environmental education programs for children ages 6 to 10 years old in park and recreation agencies serving low-income, urban areas. The goal of the program is to increase the number of children participating in existing programming through December 2013. The grant application was due by January 25, 2013. Awards are expected to be announced in February 2013.

RAP's Ranger Division conducts the Urban Wildlife Program (UWP), an environmental education program designed to raise the level of environmental interest and awareness for urban youth through actively experiencing the wonders of the natural outdoor world, the urban forest ecosystems, and through the introduction of the effects our lifestyles have on the environment. UWP combines local history, hiking, crafts, and team building exercises to carry out the program's objectives. If awarded, this grant will provide supplemental funding to enhance the Ranger Program by providing transportation for participants that attend a RAP summer day camp program at selected recreation centers located within disadvantaged communities throughout the City of Los Angeles, staffing, and related equipment and supplies.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

There is no fiscal impact to the RAP General Fund.

This report was prepared by Mark Rose, Recreation Facility Director, Grants Administration.