

REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

PG. 2 NO. 13-234

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 Regional Grants Program funds in an approximate amount of \$40,000.00, if awarded, from the Aetna Foundation.

SUMMARY:

In August 2013, the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) found a potential funding opportunity, the Aetna Foundation Regional Grants Program, which supports programs that: 1) provide nutrition education and help increase the availability of affordable fresh fruits and vegetables in underserved communities; and 2) provide opportunities for physical activity in underserved communities. The grant application is due by September 15, 2013.

If awarded, the grant will be used to enhance RAP's afterschool programming by providing nutritional and physical activities at afterschool club programs at recreation centers located in underserved communities within Los Angeles. RAP's afterschool programs primarily serve youth ages 5-17 years old. RAP intends to add a healthy lifestyles component into its programming. The new component would engage participants in physical activity, promote good nutrition, and invite parent involvement to encourage and reinforce healthy habits at home.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

This grant will augment afterschool club funding and has no fiscal impact on RAP's General Fund.

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