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BOARD REPORT

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SUBJECT: NATIONAL RECREATION AND PARKS ASSOCIATION / DISNEY MEET ME AT THE PARK PLAY SPACES 2019 GRANT PROGRAM – AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATION FOR MOBILE RECREATION PROGRAM; ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS, IF AWARDED

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H. Fujita	_____	N. Williams	_____



General Manager

Approved X

Disapproved _____

Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Approve the submission by the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) of an application for the 2019 National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) / Disney Meet Me at the Park Play Spaces grant (Grant), in the amount of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000), for which notice of funding availability was published less than 61 days in advance of the application deadline, and therefore is being submitted simultaneously for Mayor and City Council consideration pursuant to Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 14.6 et seq. as may be amended;
2. Authorize RAP's General Manager or designee to accept and receive the Grant, if awarded, in the amount of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00), from NRPA / Disney in support of RAP's mobile recreation program, subject to the approval of the Mayor and City Council;
3. Direct RAP staff to transmit a copy of the Grant documents to the Mayor in accordance with Executive Directive 3 (Villaraigosa Series), Office of the City Administrative Officer (CAO), Office of the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA), and the City Clerk for Council Committee and City Council approval of Grant, if awarded, pursuant to Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 14.6 et seq. as may be amended;
4. Designate RAP's General Manager, Chief Accounting Employee, 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, which may be necessary for the acceptance and use of Grant funds;

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5. Authorize RAP's Chief Accounting Employee or designee to establish the necessary account and/or to appropriate funding received within "Recreation and Parks Grant" Fund 205 to accept the Grant funds, if awarded, in the amount of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) for RAP's mobile recreation program; and
6. Authorize RAP's Chief Accounting Employee or designee to make any technical corrections as necessary to carry out the intent of this Board Report.

SUMMARY

Together, NRPA and Disney unveiled a funding opportunity through their 2019 Meet Me at the Park Play Spaces grant program increasing access to physical activity and inclusive play spaces for children and families in underserved communities. The intent of the grant is to create innovative, replicable model projects that can be applied easily in other cities. The grant category for RAP's application is "Mobile Play: vehicle or pop-up play equipment (i.e. that can travel to multiple locations and be put in use temporarily)".

In 2018, RAP launched the Community School Parks (CSP) pilot program, opening four LAUSD elementary schools in high park-need areas on weekends. RAP has since rolled out pop-up recreational activities to increase the number of youth and community members visiting these sites. In an effort to enhance the pilot program and further increase the number of youth and families that visit these CSP's, RAP is pursuing a mobile recreation program. This program would involve obtaining vehicles designed for specific programs such as Sports, Ecology, STEM/Robotics, or Recreation, and then equipping them with everything needed within that theme to be a one-stop-shop of activities. These vehicles would rotate among the four CSP locations to bring a variety of outdoor play opportunities to children and families in these high park-need neighborhoods. It is anticipated that additional LAUSD locations will be added to the CSP program in the future, and that the mobile recreation program will also be utilized for other parks and open spaces that lack programming or play spaces. If this Grant is awarded to RAP, it will assist with funding to launch a mobile recreation program.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Acceptance of this Grant requires RAP to provide matching funds, which will be itemized as staff time. This Grant will provide essential funding to assist RAP with launching a mobile recreation program.

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