

REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

NO. 05-234

DATE September 14, 2005

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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: PROPOSITION K - L.A. FOR KIDS PROGRAM: APPROPRIATION FROM UNRESERVED AND UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE IN FUND 302 TO FUND GRANT WRITING SERVICES AND AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING IN THE FIFTH BIENNIAL PROPOSITION K - L.A. FOR KIDS PROGRAM COMPETITIVE GRANT PROCESS

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*Robert H. Jensen (for)*  
 General Manager

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_ Withdrawn \_\_\_\_\_

RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that the Board:

1. Approve the appropriation of \$108,000.00 Fund 102302 Department 88, for grant writing services to be used to submit grant applications for funding in for the fifth biennial Proposition K - L.A. for Kids Program competitive grant process;
2. Adopt the accompanying resolution (Attachment 1) authorizing the General Manager of the Department of Recreation and Parks to submit 19 grant applications for the proposed capital improvement projects, as detailed in the attached project list (Attachment 2), to the Proposition K - L.A. for Kids Program for the fifth biennial Proposition K - L.A. for Kids Program competitive grant process; and,
3. Authorize the General Manager to accept the Proposition K - L.A. for Kids Program grant award(s) from the Proposition K - L.A. for Kids Program, for those acquisition and capital improvement projects awarded from the attached project list.

SUMMARY:

In 1996, Proposition K created a citywide assessment district, which generates \$25,000,000.00 each year for a period of 30 years. Proposition K is for the acquisition, development and

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protection of recreational, cultural and natural areas in the City. The funds generated from the assessment are to be used for the acquisition of parks and natural lands, and for capital improvements. Proposition K also provides maintenance funds on an annual basis for those facilities improved with Proposition K funds by way of a separate approval process.

Proposition K allocated \$143,650,000.00 of the total amount generated over thirty years, to be distributed by an open and competitive bid process to governmental agencies, City departments and nonprofit organizations. For the 2005 grant cycle, approximately \$9-10 million has been made available. There are eight categories for which a project is eligible for these funds, seven of which are for the construction or improvement of facilities, and one category which is specifically for the acquisition of parks and/or natural land.

On August 2, 2005, the L.A. for Kids Steering Committee, on behalf of the City of Los Angeles, announced an open and competitive grant process to identify eligible applicants and projects for the Proposition K - L.A. for Kids Grant Program. The deadline for submittal of grant proposals is September 30, 2005.

In concurrence with the affected Council offices and Department staff, 19 capital improvement projects have been identified for inclusion in this cycle's Proposition K competitive program. To meet the requirements for submitting the proposal packages for these projects, nine (9) grant writers are needed to assist with the proposal preparation. Based on the amount of work to be performed on the Proposition K proposals by each grant writer, in comparison to previous grant writing services for other funding programs, it was determined that the cost to complete each grant proposal should be \$6000.00. Therefore, the cost of completing 18 of the 19 proposal packages will be \$108,000, and there are sufficient funds available in the Unreserved and Undesignated Fund. The nineteenth grant proposal is being completed by Department staff.

Concerning the 19 proposed projects, Bureau of Engineering staff is in the process of determining project costs for each capital project and the grant amounts requested will be in accordance with the RFP guidelines. There is no match requirement for these proposals.

Prior to undertaking the activities for which the grant is being sought, as lead agency for the projects, the Department must perform, complete, and certify the adequacy of the environmental review in accordance with California's Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

## FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

Grant awards will cover Fiscal Years 2006/07 and 2007/08. There is no anticipated fiscal impact for the completion of the project scopes. However, future operations and maintenance costs after project completion have yet to be fully assessed.

This report was prepared by Isophine Atkinson, Senior Management Analyst, Grants Administration.

## RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS, the passage of Proposition K created a Citywide assessment district which generates \$25,000,000 each year in funds for the acquisition, improvement, construction and maintenance of City parks, and recreation facilities through an annual real property tax assessment on City residents over a 30-year period; and

WHEREAS, Proposition K is required to allocate \$143,650,000 of the total amount generated over 30 years through an open and competitive process for governmental agencies, City departments, and nonprofit organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Proposition K – L.A. for Kids Steering Committee, on behalf of the City of Los Angeles, has announced its fifth biennial open and competitive grant process to identify eligible capital improvement and/or acquisition projects for the Proposition K – L.A. for Kids Program; and

WHEREAS, the Proposition K – L.A. for Kids Program has made available approximately \$9-10 million Citywide for the fifth biennial grant process for the funding cycle commencing July 1, 2006, and ending June 30, 2008; and

WHEREAS, there are eight categories for which a project is eligible for these funds, seven of which are for the construction or improvement of facilities, and one category which is specifically for the acquisition of parks and/or natural lands; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board authorizes the General Manager of the Department of Recreation and Parks to submit grant applications for the proposed capital improvement projects, as detailed in the attached list, to the Proposition K – L.A. for Kids Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board designates the General Manager of the Department of Recreation and Parks as the agent to conduct all negotiations, execute, and submit all documents including, but not limited to applications, agreements, payment requests, and so on, which may be necessary to receive the funds approved for the aforementioned projects.

ATTACHMENT 1

HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners of the City of Los Angeles at its meeting held on \_\_\_\_\_ (BR \_\_\_\_\_).

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MARY E. ALVAREZ, Board Secretary

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PROPOSITION K - FIFTH BIENNIAL  
PROPOSED PROJECT LIST

ATTACHMENT 2

PROJECT NAME	PROJECT ADDRESS	CD	PROJECT CATEGORY	SCOPE	GRANT AMOUNT
1 Normandie Rec Center	1550 South Normandie Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90006	1	Lighting Athletic Fields Aquatic Upgrades	Outdoor lighting (\$268,000) and refurbishment of basketball courts (\$310,000)	\$642,000
2 Verdugo Mountain Park	9999 Edmore Place Sun Valley, CA 91352	2	Acquisition	Acquisition of 80 acres of land for natural park	\$400,000
3 Mae Boyar Park	23936 Highlander Road Canoga Park, CA 91307	3	Athletic Fields	Replace outdated restroom	\$695,000
4 Calmenga Peak	Northwest of the Hollywood sign	4	Acquisition	Acquisition of 138 acres for natural park	\$1,000,000
5 Camp Hollywoodland Girls Camp - Griffith Park	3200 Canyon Drive Los Angeles, CA 90068	4	Regional Recreation Youth Schools At-Risk Youth	Refurbish camp cabins, restrooms and camp lodge	\$1,300,000
6 Sepulveda Basin Community Gardens	SW Corner Magnolia & Hayvenhurst, Across from 16633 Magnolia Avenue Encino, CA 91436	5	Urban Greening. Regional Recreation	Build restrooms, with external sinks as a wash-up area for use by the public and those using the gardens. (The proposed stand alone restroom is for the south side property, which is a large property consisting of multiple community garden plots.)	\$666,000
7 Delano Recreation Center	15100 Erwin Street Van Nuys, CA 91411	6	Athletic Fields	Installation of synthetic soccer field at rear of facility	\$1,500,000
8 Braud Park	15125 West Brand Boulevard Mission Hills, CA 91345	7	Urban Greening	Landscaping to include new grass, shrubs, trees and irrigation system	\$456,000
9 David M. Gonzales/Pacoima Recreation Center	10943 Herrick Avenue Pacoima, CA 91331	7	Regional Recreation	Convert existing patio, currently being used as an open weight area, into an enclosed weight room.	\$250,000
10 Exposition Park Intergenerational Community Center	3990 S. Menlo Ave. Los Angeles, Ca. 90037	8	Regional Recreation At-Risk Youth	Conversion of weight room to a multi-purpose room	\$490,000
11 Harvard Recreation Center	1535 West 62nd Street Los Angeles, CA 90047	8	Regional Recreation At-Risk Youth	Construct inground skatepark	\$1,000,000

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12 Slauson Recreation Center	5306 S. Compton Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90011	9	Lighting Athletic Fields	Install security lighting around the baseball field, improve security lighting for the parking lot, replace security lights for the play area and basketball court.	\$101,000
13 South Los Angeles Wetlands	5413 S. Avalon Boulevard Los Angeles, CA 90011	9	Acquisition	Acquisition of a site for development of wetlands riparian habitat and playground.	\$1,000,000
14 Tenesca Canyon Park	15900 Pacific Coast Hwy. Los Angeles, CA 90402	11	Regional Recreation	Refurbish Picnic Areas	\$250,000
15 Mason Park	10500 Mason Avenue Chatsworth, CA 91311	12	Urban Greening	Replace antiquated irrigation system for sportsfield (\$700K) and Grade area east of gym (\$60K) to improve drainage and eliminate further flooding into the gym building.	\$760,000
16 Glassell Park	4650 Verdugo Road Los Angeles, CA 90065	13	Aquatic Upgrades Lighting	ADA upgrades to shower and toilet stalls and other interior renovations (\$1M); New lighting in parking lots and surrounding swimming pool (\$110K)	\$1,110,000
17 Ascot Hills Park	4371 Mulholland Street Los Angeles, CA 90032	14	Regional Recreation Youth Schools	Development of approx. 100 acres into a natural park which will include landscaping, interpretive/multi-use trails and outdoor learning area, vista view points, picnic areas, restrooms, and parking lot.	TBD
18 Pecan Recreation Center	120 South Gless Street Los Angeles, CA 90033	14	Lighting At-Risk Youth	Outdoor Development -improvements to existing basketball pavilion, to include lighting and related drainage issues, and restrooms	\$700,000
19 East Wilmington Greenbelt Park	850 Sanford Avenue Wilmington, CA 90744	15	Athletic Fields	Development of softball, soccer field, play area and related amenities	\$1,000,000
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>					<b>\$13,320,000</b>