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NO. 11-227

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
SUBJECT: HOUSING-RELATED PARKS PROGRAM – RETROACTIVE AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATION; GRANT RESOLUTION

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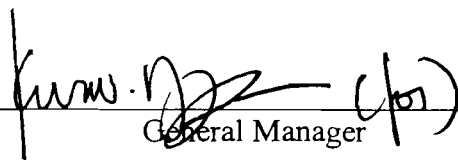
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General Manager

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Retroactively approve the submission of a Housing-Related Parks (HRP) Program grant application, substantially in the form on file in the Board Office, to the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development (CDHCD) to fund the acquisition, development, rehabilitation and/or improvements of the Department's parks and recreation facilities for the 2010 Program Year in the amount of approximately \$1 million, subject to Mayor and the City Council consideration;
2. Recommend that the City Council adopt the attached Resolution (Attachment No. 1), which authorizes the City of Los Angeles to apply for HRP grant funds for the 6th funding round and designates the General Manager of the Department of Recreation and Parks, or designee, as the agent to conduct all negotiations, sign and submit all documents, including but not limited to grant applications, agreements, amendments, and payment requests, which may be necessary for the completion of the proposed projects; and,
3. Direct staff to transmit a copy of the grant application and Resolution 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 consideration, pursuant to the Administrative Code Section 14.6 et seq. as may be amended.

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SUMMARY:

In 2010, the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development released the Housing-Related Parks (HRP) Program request for proposal. The HRP Program, funded through the passage of Proposition 1C, has \$200 million available in program funds for an anticipated eight annual funding rounds. Approximately \$20 million will be available for the 2010 Program Year. The funds may be used for the creation, development, or rehabilitation of park and recreation facilities, including, but not limited to, the acquisition of land, sport play fields, informal play areas, non motorized recreational trails, play structures, outdoor recreation, and community gardens and landscaping.

The HRP Program is designed to encourage cities and counties to develop new residential housing by rewarding those jurisdictions that approve housing affordable to lower-income households and are in compliance with the State housing element law. Because grant eligibility is based on housing elements, the Department is partnering with the City's Department of Housing to assist with the development of the grant application. The grant funds will be used to fund park and recreation projects identified by the Department's Planning and Construction Division. If awarded, the City will be able to provide low-income communities access to safer, better-improved and updated park and recreational facilities.

The Department is requesting retroactive authority to apply for the HRP grant in the amount of approximately \$1 million, to fund the Department's park and recreation programming. The grant application was submitted by the application deadline of July 29, 2011.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

The submission of the grant application has no fiscal impact on the Department's General Fund.

This report was prepared by Leonor Palangio, Management Analyst, Grants Administration.

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR HOUSING RELATED PARKS GRANT**

WHEREAS, the State of California, Department of Housing and Community Development (Department) has issued a Notice of Funding Availability dated May 28, 2010 (NOFA), under its Housing Related Parks (HRP) Program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles (Applicant) desires to apply for a HRP Program grant and submit the 2010 Program Year Application Package released by the Department for the HRP Program; and

WHEREAS, the Department is authorized to approve funding allocations for the HRP Program, subject to the terms and conditions of the NOFA, Program Guidelines, Application Package, and Standard Agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Applicant is hereby authorized and directed to apply for and submit to the Department the HRP Program Application Package released December 2010 for the 2010 Program Year. If the application is approved, the Applicant is hereby authorized and directed to enter into, execute, and deliver a State of California Standard Agreement (Standard Agreement), and any and all other documents required or deemed necessary or appropriate to secure the HRP Program Grant from the Department, and all amendments thereto (collectively, the "HRP Grant Documents").
2. Applicant shall be subject to the terms and conditions as specified in the Standard Agreement. Funds are to be used for allowable capital asset project expenditures to be identified in Exhibit A of the Standard Agreement. The application in full is incorporated as part of the Standard Agreement. Any and all activities funded, information provided, and timelines represented in the application are enforceable through the Standard Agreement. Applicant hereby agrees to use the funds for eligible capital asset(s) in the manner presented in the application as approved by the Department and in accordance with the NOFA and Program Guidelines and Application Package.
3. That the General Manager, Executive Officer, and Assistant General Manager, of the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks are authorized to execute in the name of Applicant the HRP Program Application Package and the HRP Grant Documents as required by the Department for participation in the HRP Program.

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the forgoing Resolution was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Los Angeles at its meeting of _____.

June Lagmay, City Clerk

By: _____