

REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

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NO. 14-204

DATE August 13, 2014

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**BOARD OF RECREATION
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SUBJECT: CHATSWORTH PARK SOUTH PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT PROJECT (PRJ20254) – PROPOSITION A COMPETITIVE EXCESS FUNDS; AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATION; ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS; CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION AND YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PLAN

R. Adams _____	*V. Israel _____
R. Barajas _____	K. Regan _____
H. Fujita _____	N. Williams _____

General Manager

Approved _____

Disapproved _____

Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Approve the Department of Recreation and Parks' (RAP) submission of a Proposition A Competitive Excess Funds grant application for the Chatsworth Park South Playground Equipment Project (PRJ20254), which consists of the installation of the playground equipment portion of the outdoor park improvements project;
2. 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, which may be necessary for the completion of the Chatsworth Park South Playground Equipment Project;
3. Recommend to the City Council the adoption of the attached Resolution, which authorizes the submission of a grant application for the Proposition A 2015 Competitive Excess Funds grant in an approximate amount of \$300,000.00 from the Fifth Supervisorial District in partnership with the Regional Park and Open Space District of the County of Los Angeles for the Chatsworth Park South Playground Equipment Project;
4. Recommend to the City Council the adoption of the attached Proposition A Youth Employment Plan (YEP), relative to the Chatsworth Park South playground project;

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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 Proposition A Competitive Excess Funds grant in an approximate amount of \$300,000.00 for the Chatsworth Park South Playground Equipment Project; and
6. Direct staff to transmit a copy of the Resolution and YEP to the City Clerk for committee and City Council approval, in accordance with Proposition A guidelines.

SUMMARY:

In June 2014, the Fifth Supervisorial District in partnership with the Regional Park and Open Space District of the County of Los Angeles announced available funding through the 2015 Competitive Excess Funds Grant Program. Eligible projects for this program include the acquisition, development and improvement of at-risk youth recreation and senior service facilities. The grant applications are due by September 3, 2014.

Staff has identified the Chatsworth Park South Playground Equipment Project, which consists of the installation of the playground equipment portion of the outdoor park improvements project, for this grant. The existing playground equipment will be replaced after the completion of lead mitigation work being performed at the site as part of the outdoor park improvements project. If awarded, the \$300,000.00 in Proposition A Competitive Excess Funds will be sufficient to complete the playground equipment portion of the outdoor park improvements project, which is estimated to be completed by March 2016.

In accordance with the Proposition A guidelines, along with the authorizing resolution, a Youth Employment Plan (YEP), which indicates whether or not at-risk youth (ages 14-24) were considered for hire and whether or not at-risk youth (ages 14-24) will be employed in the development of the project, has been completed for this project. With its analysis of the activities necessary for the development of this project, staff has determined that due to the nature of the scope of work for this project, there are no tasks that can be performed by at-risk youth; and therefore, no at-risk youth will be hired for this project.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

At this time, there is no anticipated fiscal impact to RAP's General Fund; however, future maintenance costs have yet to be determined.

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

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE LOS ANGELES
COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT
FOR FIFTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 2015 COMPETITIVE EXCESS FUNDS AND
APPROVING THE ADOPTION OF A YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PLAN FOR THE
CHATSWORTH PARK SOUTH PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the people of the County of Los Angeles on November 3, 1992, and on November 5, 1996 enacted Los Angeles County Proposition A, Safe Neighborhood Parks, Gang Prevention, Tree-Planting, Senior and Youth Recreation, Beach and Wildlife Protection (the Propositions), which among other uses, provides funds to public agencies and nonprofit organizations in the County for the purpose of acquiring and/or development facilities and open space for public recreation;

WHEREAS, the Propositions also created the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (the District) to administer said funds;

WHEREAS, the District has set forth the necessary procedures governing application for grant funds under the Propositions;

WHEREAS, the District's procedures require the City of Los Angeles to certify, by resolution, the approval of the application before submission of said application(s) to the District;

WHEREAS, said application contains assurances that the City of Los Angeles must comply with;

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles certifies, through this resolution, that the application is approved for submission to the District;

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles will enter into an Agreement with the District to provide funds for acquisition and development projects; and

WHEREAS, the District's procedures require the adoption of a Youth Employment Plan for development projects by the governing body of the agency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES HEREBY:

1. Approves the filing of an application with the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for Funds for the above project;
2. Certifies that the City of Los Angeles understands the assurances and certification in the application form;
3. Certifies that the City of Los Angeles has, or will have, sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project in perpetuity;

4. Certifies that the City of Los Angeles will sign and return, within 30 days, both copies of the project agreement sent by the District for authorizing signature;
5. Approves the adoption of a Youth Employment Plan for the project (see attached);
and
6. Appoints the General Manager, Executive Officer, or Assistant General Manager, Department of Recreation and Parks, to conduct all negotiations, and to execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to, applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests and so forth, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project.

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

HOLLY L. WOLCOTT, Interim City Clerk

By: _____

**City of Los Angeles
Chatsworth Park South Playground Equipment Project
Grant No. (TBD)**

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PLAN

Background:

The City of Los Angeles is using up to \$300,000.00 in Proposition A Competitive Excess Funds from the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions for the Chatsworth Park South Playground Equipment Project.

Chatsworth Park South Playground Equipment Project consists of the installation of the playground equipment portion of the outdoor park improvements project.

Tasks that may be performed by at-risk youth:

None.

Estimated Cost of Youth Employment:

Total estimated hours of youth employment on the project: **None.**

Estimated cost per hour: **None.**

Total estimated cost of youth employment: **None.**

Method of Youth Employment:

Due to the nature of the project and requirement of skilled labor, the City of Los Angeles will not employ local at-risk youth (Ages 14-24) on the project.

Youth Employment Goal:

Under the provisions of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District's policy on employment of at-risk youth, the Proposition A Youth Employment Goal (YEG) of the City of Los Angeles is \$12,188,486.00 (equal to fifty percent of the City of Los Angeles's Maintenance and Servicing funds allocations from the 1992 (A-I) and 1996 (A-II) Propositions). To date, the City has received credit for employing at-risk youth totaling \$15,628,838.00 in youth labor wages paid and has satisfied its Proposition A At-Risk Youth Employment obligation.