REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

NO. 08-262

DATE September 17, 2008

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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS


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RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board:

1. Accept a grant award from the Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) Grant 2006-JL-FX-0129 for the Ramona Hall Music Program in the amount of $24,681, subject to the approval of the Mayor and City Council, pursuant to Administrative Code Section 14.6; and,

2. Authorize the General Manager to execute the resulting grant agreement (Terms and Conditions), and any subsequent amendments thereto, pursuant to Administrative Code Section 14.8 et seq. as may be amended, on behalf of the City, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

SUMMARY:

The Department is requesting permission to accept a grant award from the Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), in the amount of $24,681. The grant funding is for the music program at the Ramona Hall Community Center, located at 4580 North Figueroa Street, Los Angeles, California, 90042. The goal of the music program is to provide the communities of Highland Park, Eagle Rock and Montecito Heights a positive musical learning experience for youth. The students are encouraged to develop their own creative ways of musical expression while learning how to read music and play a variety of
popular musical instruments. The music program serves approximately 150 at-risk youth between the ages of four and seventeen. Grant funding will be used for keyboard/piano, drum, guitar and music appreciation lessons for students at various skill levels.

The grant will allow the purchase of equipment and supplies for the Ramona Hall Community Center music program. The items to be purchased include: one (1) drum kit with complete Sabian cymbals and hardware cases; one (1) Yamaha studio drum set; one (1) Mackie Public Address system; eight (8) Yamaha electric keyboards; eight (8) nylon string acoustic guitars; eight (8) steel string acoustic/electric guitars; four (4) Fender electric guitars; two (2) electric bass guitars; a musical reference library; two (2) Fender high-end performance amplifiers; one (1) Fender bass amplifier; and one (1) Marimba. The music program runs year round, Monday through Saturday from 3:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Recreation Instructor salaries are provided for by music class registration fees.

**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:**

This grant does not require a match and provides needed funding for the purchase of additional equipment and supplies for the Ramona Hall Music Program. There is no fiscal impact on the Department’s General Fund.

This report was prepared by Debby Rolland, Superintendent, Metro Region.