REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

DATE June 27, 2013

BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: CLEAN AND SAFE SPACES (CLASS) PARKS YOUTH EMPLOYMENT INTERNSHIP PROGRAM (YEIP) – JUVENILE JUSTICE CRIME PREVENTION ACT AFTER-SCHOOL ENRICHMENT AND SUPERVISION PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014; ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Authorize the Department of Recreation and Parks’ (RAP) General Manager to accept and receive Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA) (formerly known as the Schiff-Cardenas Crime Prevention Act) grant funding in the approximate amount of $500,000.00 from the Los Angeles County Probation Department (County) to provide youth services through the Clean and Safe Spaces (CLASS) Parks Youth Employment Internship Program (YEIP) during specified hours of peak juvenile criminal occurrences for a thirteenth fiscal year (2013-2014) at selected recreational facilities, subject to the approval of the Mayor and City Council;

2. Direct staff to transmit a copy of the grant award 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 approval before accepting and receiving the grant award, pursuant to Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 14.6 et seq. as may be amended;

3. 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 project; and

4. 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 JJCPA grant funds in the approximate amount of $500,000.00 for the CLASS Parks YEIP.

SUMMARY:

The Los Angeles County Probation Department (County) awards and administers funding for the State's JJCPA grant funding. Over the past twelve (12) years, the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) has received over $6.6 million in JJCPA funding to continue programs designed to serve at-risk youths through the Clean and Safe Spaces (CLASS) Parks Youth Employment Internship Program (YEIP). This program provides participants with positive activities and alternatives for new learning experiences.

In April 2013, the County recommended funding RAP’s CLASS Parks YEIP for Fiscal Year 2013-14 for the period covering July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014. These funds will allow staff to continue the Camp Counseling and Leadership Training, Sports Management and Leadership Training, Crime Scene Investigation, and After School Programming. These programs have been approved through various board reports related to the JJCPA Grant.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

This grant is administered on a reimbursement basis from the County to allow RAP the ability to negotiate services in a timely manner. RAP may realize a financial benefit as participants, who successfully complete the Camp Counselor Leadership Training Program, begin to serve as volunteers at various RAP facilities. There is no fiscal impact to RAP’s General Fund.

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