REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

DATE September 11, 2013

BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: AETNA FOUNDATION 2013 REGIONAL GRANTS PROGRAM - AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATION; ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Authorize the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) to submit an Aetna Foundation Regional Grants Program application to provide supplemental funding to enhance afterschool club programming at various recreation facilities in the approximate amount of $40,000.00, subject to the approval of the Mayor and City Council;

2. Direct the staff to transmit a copy of the grant application 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 the Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 14.6 et seq. as may be amended;

3. Authorize RAP’s General Manager to accept and receive the Regional Grants Program funds, if awarded, in the approximate amount of $40,000.00 from the Aetna Foundation to enhance afterschool programming at various recreation facilities, subject to the approval of the Mayor and City Council;

4. 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, payment requests and other related documents, which may be necessary for the completion of the project; and
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 Regional Grants Program funds in an approximate amount of $40,000.00, if awarded, from the Aetna Foundation.

SUMMARY:

In August 2013, the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) found a potential funding opportunity, the Aetna Foundation Regional Grants Program, which supports programs that: 1) provide nutrition education and help increase the availability of affordable fresh fruits and vegetables in underserved communities; and 2) provide opportunities for physical activity in underserved communities. The grant application is due by September 15, 2013.

If awarded, the grant will be used to enhance RAP’s afterschool programming by providing nutritional and physical activities at afterschool club programs at recreation centers located in underserved communities within Los Angeles. RAP’s afterschool programs primarily serve youth ages 5-17 years old. RAP intends to add a healthy lifestyles component into its programming. The new component would engage participants in physical activity, promote good nutrition, and invite parent involvement to encourage and reinforce healthy habits at home.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

This grant will augment afterschool club funding and has no fiscal impact on RAP’s General Fund.

This report was prepared by Mark Rose, Facility Director, Grants Administration.