REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

DATE September 18, 2013

BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: DIZZY FEET FOUNDATION 2013-14 COMMUNITY PROGRAMS GRANT – AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATION; ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Retroactively authorize the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) to submit a Dizzy Feet Foundation (DFF) 2013-14 Community Programs Grant application to augment funding for RAP Programs to enhance dance programming in the approximate amount of $20,000.00, subject to the approval of the Mayor and City Council;

2. Direct 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 Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 14.6 et seq. as may be amended;

3. Authorize RAP’s General Manager to accept and receive the 2013-14 Community Programs Grant award, if awarded, in the approximate amount of $20,000.00 from the DFF for RAP’s dance programs, 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, and payment requests and so on, 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 DFF 2013-14 Community Programs Grant funds, if awarded, in the approximate amount of $20,000.00, if awarded, from the DFF.

SUMMARY:

On August 1, 2013, the Dizzy Feet Foundation (DFF) announced the 2013-14 Community Programs Grant. The grant application was due by September 1, 2013. The purpose of the DFF 2013-14 Community Programs Grant is to support children’s dance programs in low-income and disadvantaged communities. The goals of the DFF 2013-14 Community Programs Grant are to: 1) increase access to dance education; 2) increase appreciation for dance; 3) spread and share the benefits and joy of dance, particularly to those who may not otherwise have the opportunity to experience it, and; 4) support high-quality dance education.

RAP’s Program promotes the development of youth in low-income areas, by providing physical, educational, social, and nutritional activities, in a safe, structured and nurturing environment. RAP’s Programs have approximately 60 dance classes ranging from African dance, ballet, folklorico, hip hop, modern, salsa, and tap conducted at various RAP recreation facilities throughout the City of Los Angeles. If awarded, this grant will provide funding to enhance dance programming.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

No match is required for the DFF 2013-14 Community Programs Grant. There is no fiscal impact to the RAP General Fund.

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