

BOARD REPORT

NO. 24-135

DATE June 20, 2024

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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: EXPO CENTER - DONATION FROM THE PLAY EQUITY FUND FOR THE 2024 AND 2025 SUMMER YOUTH JOB CORPS PROGRAM

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General Manager

Approved _____ Disapproved _____ Withdrawn _____

If Approved: Board President _____ Board Secretary _____

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Accept a donation from The Play Equity Fund, a California non-profit corporation, in the amount of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) for EXPO Center’s 2024 and 2025 Summer Youth Job Corps Program (Program) and direct that appropriate recognition be given to the donor.
2. Authorize the Department of Recreation and Park’s (RAP) Chief Accounting Employee to approve, encumber and disburse stipend payments to participants in the Program from donated funds deposited in fund 302, Department 89, EXPO Donation Account 89837M, sub-account PG; and,
3. Authorize RAP’s Chief Accounting Employee to make technical corrections as necessary to carry out the intent of this Report.

SUMMARY

The Play Equity Fund, a California non-profit corporation, was established by the LA84 Foundation (LA84). The continued partnership between LA84 and RAP has provided aquatic and sports programs to economically disadvantaged youth throughout the City of Los Angeles for over twenty years. The Play Equity Fund donation of \$50,000 will support EXPO Center’s Youth Job Corps Program for the summer of 2024 and 2025. As part of the Program, all youth that successfully complete the Program will receive a stipend payment not to exceed \$2,730.00 per year which will be funded by the Donation. The Donation funds were deposited into the EXPO Donation Account 837M/PG.

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The Program is committed to positive youth development by providing leadership and career development through job and life skills training to teen members at EXPO Center. Program elements include: learning about teamwork, building job skills and a strong work ethic. Interns participate and conduct activities in a day camp setting, aquatics, work in the Exposition Park Rose Garden, as well as gain administrative experience. RAP staff would like to appreciate the Play Equity Fund for providing the support to continue this important and popular program.

STRATEGIC PLAN

Approval of this Board Report advances RAP's Strategic Plan by supporting:

Goal No. 7: Maintain a Diverse and Dynamic Workforce

Outcome No. 2: Development and retention of a workforce that meets the park system's public service and management needs

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

Acceptance of this Donation results in no fiscal impact to the Department of Recreation and Parks' (RAP) General Fund, except for unknown savings, as donations may offset some expenditures.

The funds have been deposited into the EXPO Center Donation Account Fund 302 Department 89 Account 89837M.

This report was prepared by Mark Rose, Principal Recreation Supervisor II, EXPO Center.