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October 6, 2021

Honorable Eric Garcetti, Mayor
City of Los Angeles
Room 303, City Hall

Honorable City Council
City of Los Angeles
c/o: Office of the City Clerk
City Hall, Room 395

Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council:

Subject:

United States Tennis Association (USTA) Grow the Game Grant – Approval of Submission of Funding Application; Acceptance of Grant Funds

Recommendation for Council Action:

The Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (Board) respectfully requests City Council and Mayor approval for the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) to (i) Approve the submission by the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) of an application for the United States Tennis Association (USTA) Grow the Game Grant (Grant); (ii) Authorize the Department of Recreation and Parks' (RAP) General Manager or designee to accept and receive the awarded Grant funds. As further detailed in attached Report No. 21-160

Background:

The USTA Grow the Game grant opportunity was offered to continue the relief, recovery, and rebuilding of support for the tennis industry by assisting with the delivery of entry-level programs for new and returning players. The purpose is to defray some of the costs to organizations of delivering quality entry-level programs who are actively engaging new and returning players into the sport in a safe and meaningful way.

Fiscal Impact Statement:

Acceptance of this Grant will have no impact to RAP's General Fund and will instead provide essential funding to further enhance entry-level Tennis Programs.

If you have any questions with regard to this matter, please contact Ms. Anita Meacham, Superintendent, Department of Recreation and Parks, at (213) 485-5027.



Honorable Mayor Garcetti and Honorable City Council
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Very truly yours,

BOARD OF RECREATION AND
PARK COMMISSIONERS

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Takisha Sardin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Takisha" and last name "Sardin" clearly legible.

Takisha Sardin
Acting Commission Executive
Assistant II

Attachments: Board Report No. 21-160

cc: Jennifer Sapone, Sr. Management Analyst, Department of Recreation and Parks

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BOARD REPORT

NO. 21-160

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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: UNITED STATES TENNIS ASSOCIATION (USTA) GROW THE GAME GRANT – APPROVAL OF SUBMISSION OF FUNDING APPLICATION; ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS, IF AWARDED

AP Diaz	_____	M. Rudnick	_____
H. Fujita	_____	C. Santo Domingo	_____
* J. Kim	<u>JK</u>	N. Williams	_____



General Manager

Approved X Disapproved _____ Withdrawn _____

If Approved: Board President  Board Secretary 

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Approve the submission by the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) of an application for the United States Tennis Association (USTA) Grow the Game Grant (Grant);
2. Authorize RAP's General Manager or designee to receive the Grant and accept funds, if awarded, from USTA in a reimbursable amount of up to Twelve Dollars (\$12) per player, or other amount at the discretion of USTA, with the number of players and total grant award to be determined by USTA once all Grant documentation of RAP's 2021 tennis programs has been submitted by December 1, 2021, subject to Mayor and City Council approval;
3. Direct RAP staff to transmit a copy of the Grant documents 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;
4. Designate RAP's General Manager or designee, as the agent to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all grant documents, including, but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, and payment requests, which may be necessary for the acceptance and use of Grant funds;

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5. Authorize RAP's Chief Accounting Employee or designee to establish the necessary accounts and/or to appropriate funding received within "Recreation and Parks Grant" Fund 205 to accept the Grant funds, if awarded, in a reimbursable amount up to Twelve Dollars (\$12) per tennis player, or other amount at the discretion of USTA, for RAP's 2021 Tennis Programs, with the total Grant award to be determined after RAP submits documentation to USTA; and,
6. Authorize RAP's Chief Accounting Employee, or designee, to make any technical changes, as may be necessary to effectuate the intent of this Report.

SUMMARY

The USTA Grow the Game grant opportunity was offered to continue the relief, recovery, and rebuilding of support for the tennis industry by assisting with the delivery of entry-level programs for new and returning players. The purpose is to defray some of the costs to organizations of delivering quality entry-level programs who are actively engaging new and returning players into the sport in a safe and meaningful way.

RAP has been invited by USTA to advance to the next step in the Grant, which is to submit documents by December 1, 2021, validating the number of new and returning players in RAP's 2021 tennis programs. At that point, USTA will determine if funding will be awarded and the amount, which is stated in the Grant opportunity as up to Twelve Dollars (\$12) per player, but the final grant award amount, if any, is at the discretion of USTA.

The USTA Grow the Game grant will assist RAP with the purchase of tennis balls and equipment such as mini-teaching carts or tennis ball retrievers, to be utilized at RAP's tennis courts emphasizing entry-level programs. Through this Report, RAP staff requests approval of its submission of the application for the Grant and for the acceptance of Grant funds, if awarded.

FISCAL IMPACT

Acceptance of this Grant will have no impact to RAP's General Fund and will instead provide essential funding to further enhance entry-level Tennis Programs.

STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVES AND GOALS

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

Goal No. 2: Offer Affordable and Equitable Recreation Programming

Outcome No. 1: Improved health and social equity for young Angelenos

This Report was prepared by Jennifer Sapone, Senior Management Analyst I, Program Grants Section.