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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:

California Department of Parks and Recreation – Outdoor Equity Program (OEP) 2021 Application Cycle Grant – Retroactive Approval of Application, program scopes and budget, and approve Resolution; acceptance of Grant Funds, if awarded.

Recommendation for Mayor and Council Action:

The Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (Board) respectfully requests Mayor and City Council Retroactively Approve the 12 proposed programs scopes and budgets submitted by the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) to the State of California, Department of Parks and Recreation (State) under the Outdoor Equity Program (OEP) grant (Grant) 2021 application cycle.

Approve the Resolution, as attached to report as Attachment No. 2 and recommend City Council adopt such Resolution, detailing 12 projects for which RAP is the applicant of the Grant funds, which approves the filing of applications for Grant funds for the such projects, and designates RAP's General Manager, Executive Officer, Assistant General Manager, or Chief Financial Officer as the agent to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents, including, but not limited to grant applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests and all other required grant documents necessary for the completion of the Grant programs scopes.

Background:

On October 9, 2019, Assembly Bill 209 was approved to establish the Outdoor Equity Grants Program (OEP) to increase the ability of underserved and at-risk populations to participate in outdoor environmental educational experiences at state parks and other public lands where environmental education programs take place.

On June 1, 2021, the State released the OEP 2021 application cycle (Grant) in the amount of \$57 million to be awarded. The intent of the OEP is to increase the ability of residents in low income urban and rural communities to participate in outdoor experiences at state parks and other public lands. OEP grants are meant to improve the health and wellness of Californians by connecting underserved communities to natural areas throughout California. The OEP will fund program operating and transportation costs but will not fund capital projects. The OEP 2021



cycle applications were due and submitted on October 8, 2021. The State requires RAP to submit a resolution for the proposed programs prior to any grant being awarded.

RAP submitted a total of 12 applications as part of the OEP 2021 cycle. Nine applications were submitted to implement a youth camping and environmental education program at the following recreation centers: 109<sup>th</sup> Street, David M. Gonzales, Harvard, Hollenbeck, Lemon Grove, Panorama, Seoul International, South Park, and Valley Plaza. This program will teach youth and their families about camping skills and safety, recycling, community activism, and the environment. Three applications were submitted to implement a youth fishing and marine life education program at the following pools: Hubert Humphrey, Van Ness, and Algin Sutton. This program will teach youth and their families fishing skills and about marine life and the ecosystem.

The grant performance period for the OEP Grant will either be July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2025 or July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2026 to include pre-award planning costs. The final grant period timeframe will be determined by the State prior to Grant award and will give RAP either three or four years to complete the Grant program(s) after being awarded. Through this Report, RAP requests retroactive approval of the 12 grant applications submitted along with the 12 program scopes and budget, as well as approval of the Resolution and acceptance of the Grant funds if awarded.

Fiscal Impact Statement:

Application for the OEP Grant funds and acceptance of such funds from the State, if awarded, does not require RAP to provide matching funds, however RAP may need to supplement these Grant programs with staff salaries, usage of City vehicles, fuel, and other minor supplies or site fees to be determined. This Grant will provide essential funding to offer programs educating youth in camping, fishing, marine life, and the environment during the term of this Grant.

If you have any questions with regard to this matter, please contact Ms. Jennifer Sapone, Senior Management Analyst I, Program Grants Section (213) 485-8744.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF RECREATION AND  
PARK COMMISSIONERS

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Takisha Sardin".

TAKISHA SARDIN  
Acting  
Commission Executive Assistant II

Attachments: Board Report No. 22-045

cc: Jennifer Sapone, Senior Management Analyst I, Program Grants Section