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February 5, 2015

Honorable City Council  
C/O: Office of the City Clerk  
City Hall, Room 395

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

Attention: Ms. Mandy Morales, Office of the Mayor

Honorable Members:

Transmitted herein for your consideration is an authorizing Resolution and copy of the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners' January 21, 2015 approved Board Report No. 15-020, relative to the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development 2014 Housing-Related Parks Program.

Recommendations for Council action, subject to the approval of the Mayor:

1. Retroactively authorize the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) to submit a 2014 Housing-Related Parks Program (HRPP) grant application to the California Department of Housing and Community Development (CDHCD) to fund the acquisition, development, rehabilitation and/or improvements of various RAP's parks and recreation facilities;
2. Adopt the accompanying Resolution, which authorizes the City of Los Angeles to apply for 2014 HRPP grant funds and designates 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 grant applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests, and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of the proposed project(s);
3. Authorize RAP's General Manager to accept and receive the 2014 HRPP grant in an amount not to exceed \$599,900 for the Chesterfield Square Park Improvements Project, which consists of general park improvements, including restroom building, from the CDHCD, if awarded; and,



4. 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 2014 HRPP grant in an amount not to exceed \$599,900 for the Chesterfield Square Park Improvements Project, which consists of general park improvements, including restroom building, from the CDHCD, if awarded.

Background:

The California Department of Housing and Community Development (CDHCD) Housing-Related Parks Program (HRPP), funded through the passage of Proposition 1C, is designed to reward local governments that develop affordable residential housing to low-income households by providing development funds for park-related projects. The intended use of the HRPP funds is for the creation or rehabilitation of park and recreation facilities, including, but not limited to, the acquisition of land, sport play fields, play areas, non-motorized recreational trails, play structures, outdoor recreation, and landscaping.

Through the development of restricted affordable housing, the City of Los Angeles (City) has been the recipient of grant awards for the 2010, 2011, and 2013 HRPP funding cycles, in the amounts of \$1,594,850, \$1,891,300, and \$8,221,950, respectively (CF No. 11-1378 and CF No. 14-0996). As the designated grant administrator, the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) has utilized these funds for capital improvements at RAP facilities located within designated disadvantaged and park deficient communities. They include the following projects:

| Project Name                   | CD | Project Scope of Work                 |
|--------------------------------|----|---------------------------------------|
| 139 E. 61st Street Park        | 9  | New neighborhood pocket park          |
| 4600 Orchard Avenue Park       | 9  | New neighborhood pocket park          |
| 554 W. 97th Street Park        | 8  | New neighborhood pocket park          |
| 609 W. 105th Street Park       | 8  | New neighborhood pocket park          |
| 833 W. 76th Street Park        | 8  | New neighborhood pocket park          |
| 8620 Wall Street Pocket Park   | 9  | New neighborhood pocket park          |
| Algin Sutton Recreation Center | 8  | Park Improvements                     |
| Central Pool                   | 9  | Replacement of existing swimming pool |
| Evergreen Recreation Center    | 14 | Recreation Center Improvements        |
| Leslie N. Shaw Park            | 10 | Park rehabilitation                   |
| MacArthur Park                 | 1  | Park rehabilitation and lighting      |

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| Pershing Square              | 14 | Park Improvements  |
| South Park Recreation Center | 9  | Park Improvements  |
| Toberman Recreation Center   | 1  | Park rehabilitation  |
| Vermont and Gage Park        | 9  | Development of a new park, including walking paths, lighting, landscape and irrigation |
| Watts Cultural Crescent Park | 15 | Development of a new park, including walking paths, lighting, landscape and irrigation |

If awarded, the 2014 HRPP award would be used to fund the Chesterfield Square Park Improvements Project (CD 8), which consists of general park improvements, including restroom building.

If you have any questions, please contact Isophine Atkinson, Senior Management Analyst II, Grants Administration, at (213) 202-3272.

Sincerely,



MICHAEL A. SHULL  
General Manager

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Enclosures

cc: Andrea Galvin, Office of the Chief Legislative Analyst  
Jay Shin, Office of the City Administrative Officer

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES  
AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR HOUSING RELATED PARKS GRANT**

WHEREAS, the State of California, Department of Housing and Community Development (Department) has issued a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA), dated December 10, 2014, under its Housing-Related Parks (HRP) Program;

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles (Applicant) desires to apply for a HRP Program grant and submit the 2014 Designated Program Year Application Package released by the Department for the HRP Program; and

WHEREAS, the Department is authorized to approve funding allocations for the HRP Program, subject to the terms and conditions of the NOFA, Program Guidelines, Application Package, and Standard Agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES HEREBY:

1. Applicant is hereby authorized and directed to apply for and submit to the Department the HRP Program Application Package released in December 2014 for the 2014 Designated Program Year in an amount not to exceed \$599,900. If the application is approved, the Applicant is hereby authorized and directed to enter into, execute, and deliver a State of California Standard Agreement (Standard Agreement) in an amount not to exceed \$599,900, and any and all other documents required or deemed necessary or appropriate to secure the HRP Program Grant from the Department, and all amendments thereto (collectively, the "HRP Grant Documents").
2. Applicant shall be subject to the terms and conditions as specified in the Standard Agreement. Funds are to be used for allowable capital asset project expenditures to be identified in **Exhibit A** of the Standard Agreement. The application in full is incorporated as part of the Standard Agreement. Any and all activities funded, information provided, and timelines represented in the application are enforceable through the Standard Agreement. Applicant hereby agrees to use the funds for eligible capital asset(s) in the manner presented in the application as approved by the Department and in accordance with the NOFA and Program Guidelines and Application Package.
3. The City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks' General Manager, Executive Officer, or Assistant General Manager are authorized to execute in the name of Applicant the HRP Program Application Package and the HRP Grant Documents as required by the Department for participation in the HRP Program.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_ Day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015, by the following vote:

AYES: \_\_\_\_\_ NAYS: \_\_\_\_\_ ABSTAIN: \_\_\_\_\_ ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTACHMENT

The undersigned City Clerk of the Applicant here before named does hereby attest and certify that the forgoing is a true and full copy of a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Los Angeles adopted at a duly convened meeting on the date above-mentioned, which has not been altered, amended or repealed.

HOLLY L. WOLCOTT, City Clerk

By: \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED

JAN 21 2015

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NO. 15-020

DATE January 21, 2015

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SUBJECT: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT HOUSING-RELATED PARKS PROGRAM 2014 PROGRAM YEAR - AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATION; CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION; ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS

R. Adams \_\_\_\_\_  
R. Barajas \_\_\_\_\_  
H. Fujita \_\_\_\_\_

\*V. Israel \_\_\_\_\_  
K. Regan \_\_\_\_\_  
N. Williams \_\_\_\_\_

General Manager

Approved \_\_\_\_\_

Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_

Withdrawn \_\_\_\_\_

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Authorize the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) to submit a 2014 Housing-Related Parks Program (HRPP) grant application to the California Department of Housing and Community Development (CDHCD) to fund the acquisition, development, rehabilitation and/or improvements of various RAP's parks and recreation facilities, subject to the approval of the Mayor and City Council;
2. Recommend to the City Council the adoption of the Resolution, substantially in the form on file in the Board Office, which authorizes the City of Los Angeles to apply for 2014 HRPP grant funds and designates 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 grant applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests, and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of the proposed project(s);
3. Direct staff to transmit a copy of the grant Resolution 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, pursuant to the Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 14.6 *et seq.* as may be amended;
4. Direct staff to transmit a copy of the grant award to the Mayor, Office of the City Administrative Officer (CAO), Office of the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA), and to the

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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;

5. Authorize RAP's General Manager to accept and receive the 2014 HRPP grant award, if awarded, subject to the approval of the Mayor and City Council and approval of the City Attorney as to form; and,
6. 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 2014 HRPP grant funds, if awarded, from CDHCD.

SUMMARY:

In December 2014, the California Department of Housing and Community Development (CDHCD) released the 2014 Designated Program Year Notice of Funding Availability for the Housing-Related Parks Program (HRPP). The grant application is due by February 5, 2015. CDHCD must receive the City Council-approved Resolution by March 5, 2015.

The HRPP, funded through the passage of Proposition 1C, is designed to reward local governments for developing new or rehabilitated residential housing affordable to low-income households and has \$35 million available for the 2014 Program Year. The HRPP funds may be used for the creation or rehabilitation of park and recreation facilities, including, but not limited to, the acquisition of land, sport play fields, play areas, non-motorized recreational trails, play structures, outdoor recreation, and landscaping.

With considerable assistance from the Los Angeles Housing and Community Investment Department (HCID), the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) has been awarded HRPP funds for the last three (3) rounds of funding. For the 2010 Program Year, RAP was awarded \$1,594,850.00, which was allocated to fund the following park projects: 139 E. 61st Street Park (CD 9), 4600 Orchard Avenue Park (CD 9), 554 W. 97th Street Park (CD 8), 609 W. 105th Street Park (CD 8), 833 W. 76th Street Park (CD 8), South Park Improvements (CD 9), and 8620 Wall Street Pocket Park (CD 9) (CF No. 11-1378). For the 2011 Program Year, RAP was awarded \$1,891,300.00, which was allocated to fund the following park projects: Vermont and Gage Park (CD 9) and Watts Cultural Crescent (CD 15) (CF No. 11-1378). For the 2013 Program Year, RAP was awarded \$8,221,950.00, which was allocated to fund the following park projects: Algin Sutton Recreation Center (CD 8), Central Pool (CD 9), Evergreen Recreation Center (CD 14), Leslie N. Shaw Park (CD 10), MacArthur Park (CD 1), Pershing Square Park (CD 14), South Park Improvement Project (CD 9), and Toberman Recreation Center (CD 1) (CF Nos. 14-0996 and 11-1378).

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The 2014 HRPP grant funds, if awarded, will be used to fund eligible park projects. The 2014 eligible funding request amount is not known at this time as the calculation to determine the amount is based on the number of affordable housing units constructed by the City within the period of January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2014. Staff is currently working with HCID to gather the affordable housing information, which will exclude the affordable housing projects that have already been used for prior year HRPP awards. Once the eligible funding request amount is determined, RAP's Planning, Construction and Maintenance Branch will be able to identify eligible park projects that fit within the grant guidelines for the 2014 HRPP.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

The submission of this grant application has no fiscal impact on RAP's General Fund.

This report was prepared by Isophine Atkinson, Senior Management Analyst, Grants Administration.