

REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

NO. 01-171

DATE: May 16, 2001

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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: PROPOSITION 10 FUNDING FOR JIM GILLIAM CHILD CARE CENTER PRE-SCHOOL PROGRAM

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Approved _____ Disapproved _____ Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board:

Approve the receipt of \$13,848 of Los Angeles County Proposition 10 funds for the purchase of computer equipment and training, and two drinking fountains for the Jim Gilliam Child Care Center; and,

Authorize the General Manager to execute the resulting contract on behalf of the City, subject to approval as to form and legality by the City Attorney.

SUMMARY:

In October 2000, the Department of Recreation and Parks, along with other City departments, was offered the opportunity to apply for Los Angeles County Proposition 10 funds. The Department applied for funding on the Small Grant application, and was awarded \$13,848 to promote early literacy and to continue to better serve the needs of the children enrolled in the pre-school program at the Jim Gilliam Child Care Center.

Jim Gilliam Child Care Center currently serves 45 preschool age children and their families. Since the facility is at full capacity and maintains a waiting list, equipment is needed to efficiently track and record attendance and to serve as a tool to promote early literacy for the program's participants. Drinking fountains are needed in order to remain in compliance with Community Care Licensing Title 22 Section 101239.2, which states, "Drinking water from a non-contaminating fixture or container shall be readily available

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both indoors and in the outdoor activity area, and children shall be free to drink as they wish." Currently, staff purchases bottled water and cups to serve the children. The addition of two indoor classroom drinking fountains will better serve the pre-school students and staff by providing accessibility to drinking water as required by State mandate. Children will no longer have to wait for staff to pour and serve the water, and the Department will save money currently spent on drinking water and cups.

The funds will be deposited into a Municipal Recreation Program (MRP) account designated for the award. Child Care Program staff will oversee the account and track its expenditures.

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