

REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

NO. 02-297

DATE: August 14, 2002


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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION GRANT AWARD - "WITHOUT BORDERS PROJECT - LOS ANGELES EDUCATION AND ATHLETIC PROGRAM"

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General Manager

Approved _____ Disapproved _____ Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board:

1. Authorize the General Manager to request authority from the Mayor and City Council to accept the U.S. Department of Education's grant award of \$115,687 for first year funding of the "Without Borders Project - Los Angeles Education and Athletic Program" to promote sports clinics to the disabled; in accordance with Executive Directive No. 26; and
2. Authorize the General Manager to execute the grant agreement, and any subsequent amendments thereto not requiring further Mayor and Council approval pursuant to Administrative Code Section 14.8, on behalf of the City, subject to approval as to form and legality by the City Attorney.

SUMMARY:

In May of 2001, the United States Department of Education, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitation Services published a Request for Application (CFDA: 84.128J), seeking potential grant award applicants to provide individuals with disabilities with recreational activities and related experiences that can be expected to aid in their employment, mobility, socialization, independence, and community integration.

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In June of 2001, the Department of Recreation and Parks, in collaboration with the Department on Disability, submitted a FY 01-02 grant application for funding in the amount of \$129,507 to the US Department of Education to fund sports clinics and tournaments for the disabled. The grant application was not awarded; however, the Committee held on to the proposal and resubmitted it for FY 02-03. The Department has now been notified of the award in the amount of \$115,687 to fund programming scheduled to begin in October 2002.

The goal of the "Without Borders Project – Los Angeles Education and Athletic Program" is to provide individuals with disabilities an opportunity to participate in recreational activities, both team and individual, that increase mobility and physical strength, while also teaching life skills that can lead to increased self-confidence and community integration. Although the program targets youth with disabilities as the primary participants, several of the sports will also be open to able-bodied youths. The sports clinics and culminating tournaments offered will be Power Soccer, "Beep" Baseball, Goal Ball, and Golf. The program will also include one swim meet for children who already have the ability to swim. The clinics will be offered in all three Recreation Regions of the Department.

This is a reimbursement grant, with the second and third year's funds to be 75% and 50% of the first year's funding, respectively.

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