

REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

NO. 02-120

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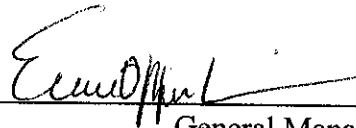
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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE THE GENERAL MANAGER TO SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATIONS  
IN RESPONSE TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA PROPOSITION 12 MURRAY  
HAYDEN REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

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\_\_\_\_\_  
General Manager

Approved \_\_\_\_\_

Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_

Withdrawn \_\_\_\_\_

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board:

1. Approve the development and submission of twelve grant (12) proposals (Attachment 1) to the State of California, Department of Parks and Recreation, for the Proposition 12 Murray Hayden Request for Proposal;
2. Authorize the General Manager to sign and transmit the proposals;
3. Authorize the General Manager to sign a letter of support for the Los Angeles Unified School District proposal for the LACES Projects;
4. Authorize the General Manager to sign a letter of support and enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Police Activity League for the proposal at Hollywood Recreation Center; and,
5. Authorize the General Manager to represent the Department in accepting grant awards, and negotiating and executing any resulting agreements.

SUMMARY:

The State of California, Department of Parks and Recreation, has issued a Request for Proposal for the Proposition 12 Murray Hayden Program. The Murray Hayden Program allocates funds on a statewide competitive basis to provide grant funding for capital projects, including parks, park facilities, environmental enhancements projects, youth centers and environmental youth service

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centers. Proposed projects must be within the immediate proximity of a neighborhood that has been identified by the state as having a critical lack of parks and/or open space and/or deteriorated park facilities. Proposed projects should be in an area of significant poverty and unemployment, and have a shortage of services for youth.

Priority shall be given to capital projects that employ neighborhood residents and at-risk youth. Eligible applicants include: Heavily urbanized counties: Counties with a population of 750,000 or more; Heavily Urbanized Cities: Cities with a population of 200,000 or more, or cities within a heavily Urbanized County; Non Profit Organizations, Eligible Districts, and Federally recognized California Indian Tribes within Heavily Urbanized Counties or Heavily Urbanized Cities.

There is \$43 million available statewide. The minimum grant award is \$50,000 and the maximum grant award is \$3 million. At least \$15,000,000 will be made available for grant awards up to \$500,000. The remaining funds will be available for grant awards up to \$3 million. The state requires a 3/7 match for each grant awarded.

The Department has identified twelve projects for submission to the state. Each of the twelve projects was selected based upon the availability matching of funds for the projects, the competitiveness of the projects, and the need for the funding to complete a current on-going capital project. Attachment 1 provides the list of projects.

In addition to the twelve proposals the Department is submitting, the Department is supporting two projects that will be submitted by other organizations:

1. Los Angeles Unified School District - Los Angeles Center for Enriched Studies. This school has no park space to provide physical education activities for the students. The Department is partnering with the LAUSD to build park facilities that will be utilized for the students during regular school hours and managed by the department after school and on weekends. The City has allocated prior Proposition K and Proposition A funds for the recreation master plan at LACES.
2. Police Activity League (PAL) Hollywood Recreation Center - The Police Activity League (PAL) has been a collaborating partner with the Hollywood Recreation Center providing after school programs for the youth at the Center. PAL, along with other interested community groups and residents, has formed an umbrella group for the purpose of raising funds to implement a master plan for the Center. PAL is proposing to submit a grant to the State to construct recreational facilities that will be jointly operated by PAL and other collaborating partners. PAL has the matching funds and the Department is requesting that the Board of Commissioners authorize the General Manager to enter into an agreement to support the submission of the proposal by PAL.

The deadline for submission of the proposals is May 1, 2002.

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### **CEQA Requirements**

Prior to undertaking the activities for which the grant is being sought, the City as lead agency for the project(s) must perform, complete and certify the adequacy of the environmental review in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). As a result of the information obtained by means of the CEQA process, the Commission may modify, condition or disapprove the project(s) and nothing herein shall limit the Commission's exercise of their independent judgement and discretion with respect to the project(s). The project(s) will come back to the Commission for further review and consideration after completion of the CEQA process. Each of the twelve projects listed in Attachment 1 will be reviewed by our Environmental Affairs Division for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act.

The Murray Hayden request for proposal requires the following of all applicants:

“At the time of application, the applicant must provide, at a minimum, either (1) a Notice of Exemption filed with the County Clerk, or (2) an initial study with a description of how the applicant will comply with CEQA. The applicant has one year from the date of announcement of grant award to complete the CEQA process.”

The Department will fully comply with all CEQA requirements for the subject projects. The Los Angeles Unified School District and the Police Activity League will be preparing their own CEQA documents.

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**Department of Recreation and Parks  
 Planning and Construction Branch  
 Grants Administration**

**Attachment-1**

**PROPOSITION 12 MURRAY-HAYDEN PROPOSAL LISTING**

#	CD	Name of Project	Description	Preliminary Amount*
1	1	Downey Recreation Center	Construction of childcare center	\$477,171
2	1	Echo Park	Construction of childcare center	\$436,357
3	6	Van Ness Recreation Center	New community center	\$2,000,000
4	7	Hansen Dam Recreation Area	New boundless playground and restroom	\$700,000
5	8	Denker Recreation Center	New community center	\$2,100,000
6	9	Ross Snyder Recreation Center	New community center	\$346,930
7	10	Rancho Cienega Recreation Center	New childcare center	\$250,000
8	11	Delano Recreation Center	New community center	\$1,538,000
9	13	Temple Beverly Park	New recreation center	\$2,000,000
10	14	Yucca Recreation Center	New community center	\$500,000
11	14	Evergreen Recreation Center	New childcare center	\$518,000
12	15	Imperial Courts	New community center	\$1,000,000

\*Amount requested may change based upon final cost estimates.

**Proposed Partnerships**

1. CD-10 - Los Angeles Unified School District - Los Angeles Center for Enriched Studies (LACES)
2. CD13 - Police Activity League - Hollywood Recreation Center