

REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

NO. 02-376

DATE: November 6, 2002

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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE U.S. SOCCER FOUNDATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$69,760 TO FUND A GIRLS SOCCER LEAGUE PROGRAM

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[Signature]
General Manager

Approved _____

Disapproved _____

Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board:

1. Authorize the General Manager to submit a grant application to the U.S. Soccer Foundation in the amount of \$69,760 to fund a girls soccer league program; and,
2. Authorize the General Manager to request authority from the Mayor and City Council to accept the resulting grant award, in accordance with Executive Directive No. 26; and,
3. Authorize the General Manager to execute the grant agreement, and any subsequent amendments thereto, pursuant to Administrative Code Section 14.6 et seq. as may be amended, on behalf of the City, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

SUMMARY:

The Department seeks a grant from the U.S. Soccer Foundation to fund a girls soccer league. The league would be patterned after the program currently offered in basketball and softball under the Girls Play Los Angeles (GPLA). Age range will be 10 to 12. There will be five sites citywide. Each participating recreation center would receive a budget for officials, awards, pictures and registration and insurance fees. Equipment will be provided as a contribution from the Fold-A-Gold Company. The Municipal Sports Section will provide training to directors, distribute materials and equipment, design of system of regional representation, reporting, tracking and monitoring.

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This grant provides an additional Raise the Bar program for girls and enhances the Department's efforts to improve gender equity outreach by attracting more females to the game of soccer.

The U.S. Soccer Foundation awards grant annually. It is a competitive process. There is no match requirement. No amount of funding was disclosed. The Foundation has awarded \$16,500,000 to 250 grantees nationwide over the last eight years.

This Board Report was prepared by Vicki Israel, Community Services Branch.