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SUBJECT: KAISER PERMANENTE OPERATION SPLASH 2019 AND 2020 GRANT PROGRAMS – GRANT APPLICATION SUBMITTED FOR AQUATICS PROGRAMMING; ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS, IF AWARDED

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General Manager

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RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Approve the submission by the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) of a two-year grant application for the Kaiser Permanente Operation Splash Program for 2019 and 2020 (Grant), in the amount of Four Hundred Eight Thousand Dollars (\$408,000), which was submitted without prior Mayor or Council approval due to this being a competitive grant with no City General Funds or matching funds required, as well as the notice of funding availability being published less than 61 days in advance of the application deadline, pursuant to Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 14.6 et seq. as may be amended;
2. Authorize RAP's General Manager or designee to accept and receive the Grant, if awarded, in the amount of Four Hundred Eight Thousand Dollars (\$408,000.00), from Kaiser Permanente in support of aquatics programming, subject to the approval of the Mayor and City Council;
3. Direct RAP staff to transmit a copy of the Grant documents to the Mayor in accordance with Executive Directive 3 (Villaraigosa Series), Office of the City Administrative Officer (CAO), Office of the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA), and the City Clerk for Council Committee and City Council approval of Grant, if awarded, pursuant to Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 14.6 et seq. as may be amended;
4. Designate RAP's General Manager, Chief Accounting Employee, or Assistant General Manager, as the agent to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents, including but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, and payment requests, which may be necessary for the acceptance and use of Grant funds;
5. Authorize RAP's Chief Accounting Employee or designee to establish the necessary account and/or to appropriate funding received within "Recreation and Parks Grant" Fund 205 to accept the Grant funds, if awarded, in the amount of Four Hundred Eight Thousand Dollars (\$408,000.00) for aquatics programming; and

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Thousand Dollars (\$408,000.00) for aquatics programming; and

6. Authorize RAP's Chief Accounting Employee or designee to make any technical corrections as necessary to carry out the intent of this Board Report.

SUMMARY

Kaiser Permanente (Kaiser) is a long-standing valued supporter of RAP, whose annual grants have allowed RAP to enhance aquatic services throughout the City over the last twelve years. For the summers of 2017 and 2018, Kaiser Permanente awarded RAP Four Hundred Eight Thousand Dollars (\$408,000.00) under their Operation Splash Program. As in past years, this Kaiser grant funded free swimming lessons and subsidized Junior Lifeguard program participation for thousands of youth from low-income areas of the City, and provided an extra week of public swim operation for several seasonal pools. In anticipation of the 2019 and 2020 summer seasons, Kaiser approached RAP Management on October 23, 2018, with an invitation to submit an application for a 2019 and 2020, two-year grant in the amount of Four Hundred Eight Thousand Dollars (\$408,000.00). The application and associated documents were due to Kaiser Permanente on November 19, 2018, and were submitted timely by RAP staff.

As in past years, the objectives for the 2019 and 2020 Operation Splash grant program include: 1) increasing opportunities for safe physical activities for youth from low-income neighborhoods where health disparities are greatest and opportunities for safe physical activity are often scarce; 2) teaching children and adults basic water safety and swimming skills in order to prevent drowning; 3) promoting life-long physical activity; and 4) promoting healthy beverage choices.

In 2019 and 2020, the Grant, if awarded, will be used again to supplement funding for RAP aquatics programs and related activities at approximately 50 RAP pool sites located within disadvantaged areas of the City. Such programs and activities consist of RAP's Learn-to-Swim Program, Junior Lifeguard Program, and the "Rethink Your Drink" campaign which encourages healthy beverage choices. These aquatic programs teach youth swimming fundamentals, water safety, emergency response, teamwork, and goal setting, with an emphasis on healthy choices. Approximately Six Thousand, Seven Hundred Eighty (6,780) youth and adults are projected to be served through these programs.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Acceptance of this Grant from Kaiser Permanente does not require RAP to provide matching funds; therefore, it would not impact RAP's General Fund. This grant will provide essential funding that augments aquatic services for youth.

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