COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
"Creating Community Through People, Parks and Programs"

November 3, 2004

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE YOUTH SOCCER AND RECREATION DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM UNDER THE CALIFORNIA CLEAN WATER, CLEAN AIR, SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS AND COASTAL PROTECTION ACT OF 2002 FOR AVOCADO HEIGHTS PARK, EARVIN "MAGIC" JOHNSON RECREATION AREA, EL CARISO COMMUNITY REGIONAL PARK, CERRITOS COMMUNITY REGIONAL PARK AND LANCASTER SOCCER FIELDS
(All Districts - 3 Vote Matter)

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find the proposed projects located at Avocado Heights Park and Earvin "Magic" Johnson Recreation Area are categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

2. Find that the proposed projects for El Cariso Community Regional Park, Cerritos Community Regional Park and a County-owned parcel of land to be developed in the City of Lancaster shall require consideration and approval of environmental documentation pursuant to CEQA, by the Board prior to approving and implementing the projects.

3. Adopt the attached resolution authorizing the submission of applications to the California Department of Parks and Recreation, for funding of the proposed Youth Soccer and Recreation Program Development projects under the California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act of 2002 (Proposition 40).

4. Authorize, upon an award of grant funding, the Interim Director of Parks and Recreation, or his designee, as agent of the County, to accept grants, conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to project grant agreement(s), amendments, and payment requests, which may be necessary.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Adoption of the attached resolution by your Board will authorize the Department of Parks and Recreation (Department) to submit applications to the California Department of Parks and Recreation. The applications must include a resolution by your Board authorizing the applications. Project applications are due November 5, 2004.

The California Youth Soccer and Recreation Development Program is funded by Proposition 40. The intent of the program is to provide financial assistance to local agencies and community-based organizations to foster the development of new youth soccer, baseball, and softball and basketball recreation opportunities in the state. Funding in the amount of $23,337,500 is available for this grant program Statewide. Grant awards may range from a minimum of $75,000 to a maximum of $1,000,000. Matching funds are not required; however, the commitment of matching funds for a project application is encouraged and can add up to five (5) additional rating points as part of the overall evaluation of a grant application.

In determining projects to be submitted to the State, the Department reviewed and assessed various facility needs throughout the County relative to eligibility requirements, the project feasibility and probability for funding based on the competitive criteria. Five projects were determined to be eligible and feasible at this time.

Avocado Heights Park Soccer Field

The proposed project consists of constructing a new soccer field and site furnishings to replace a multi-purpose field. The total cost of these improvements is estimated to be $1,035,704.

Earvin "Magic" Johnson Recreation Area Basketball Courts

The proposed project consists of constructing four outdoor basketball courts, two practice courts, bleachers and benches, walkways and fencing. The total cost of these improvements is estimated to be $1,000,000.

El Cariso Community Regional Park Gym & Community Center

The proposed project consists of constructing a new 13,000 square foot gymnasium and community center. The total cost of these improvements is estimated to be $4,702,902.

Cerritos Community Regional Park Soccer Fields

The proposed project consists of constructing two new soccer fields, lighting, and site furnishings in conjunction with the refurbishment of the facility, which is currently in the design phase. The total cost of these improvements is estimated to be $1,784,316.

Lancaster Soccer Fields

The proposed project consists of the development of two (2) new soccer fields, gravel parking lot and access road, infrastructure/landscaping, and restrooms. The project would be developed on County-owned land located in the City of Lancaster. The total cost of these improvements is estimated to be $1,449,910.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

If funded, the proposed projects would contribute to the achievement of three (3) goals of the County's Strategic Plan: Goal 4 (Fiscal Responsibility) by increasing the Department's public/private partnerships, managing our resources effectively, and investing in the public infrastructure; Goal 5 (Children and Families' Well-Being) by improving facilities used by children and families of the County; and Goal 6 (Community Service) by improving the quality of life for the residents by offering a wide range of services responsive to each community's specific needs.

FISCAL IMPACT/ FINANCING

The competitive grant program does not require matching funds; however applicants are encouraged to provide matching funds. When evaluating applications for grant awards, the State shall assign higher priority to applications that include a commitment of matching funds.

The estimated cost of the Avocado Heights Park soccer field is $1,035,704 and the grant amount requested is $925,000. A match in the amount of $110,704 will be provided from Park in Lieu Fees available in Park Planning Area No. 7.

The estimated cost of the Magic Johnson Recreation Area basketball courts is $1,000,000 and the grant amount requested is $800,000. A match in the amount of $200,000 will be provided from funds specified for Magic Johnson Recreation Area under the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996.

The estimated cost of the El Cariso Community Regional Park gym and community center is $4,702,902 and the grant amount requested is $1,000,000. A match in the

amount of $3,702,902 would be provided from State Proposition 12 and 40 per capita funds available for projects in the Third Supervisorial District.

The estimated cost of the Cerritos Community Regional Park soccer fields is $1,784,316 and the grant amount requested is $1,000,000. As the soccer fields would be constructed as part of the existing refurbishment project, which includes turf and other improvements in the area of the soccer field, the match of $784,316 would be provided from funds from the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996 currently budgeted in the existing project under Capital Project No. 86454.

The estimated cost of Lancaster Soccer Fields is $1,449,910 and the grant amount requested is $1,000,000. A match in the amount of $449,910 will be provided from Regional Park and Open Space District Excess funds available for projects in the Fifth Supervisorial District.

The Department will return to your Board with the Chief Administrative Office upon the award of any of the requested grants to establish or adjust the project budgets.

OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT

Operating cost estimates for the projects are under development by the Department and will be reported to your Board prior to acceptance of any grants awarded under this program.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Upon execution of a project grant agreement, the Department will be required to spend those funds in accordance with the Grantor's procedural guide and the project grant agreement.

County Counsel has approved the attached resolution as to form.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed projects at Avocado Heights Park and Earvin "Magic" Johnson Recreation Area are categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) according to Sections 15302 (c), 15303 (d) (e) of the State CEQA guidelines and Classes 2 (e), 3 (a) (b) (d) of the *Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines* adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, because the projects involve replacement or reconstruction of existing facilities and installation of new, small facilities or structures.

If funded, the proposed projects at El Cariso Community Regional Park, Cerritos Community Regional Park and a County-owned parcel of land to be developed in the City of Lancaster would require environmental documentation, which would be brought before your Board prior to approval and implementation of the projects. Acceptance of the grant does not obligate the Board to final approval of the project and the State guidelines provides for the reimbursement of costs associated with the preparation of the environmental documentation even if the project is unable to be completed due to issues related to the CEQA process.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES AND PROJECTS

There are no impacts on current services as a result of this action. If funding is awarded, the projects will be accomplished to minimize the impact on public use of the affected facilities.

CONCLUSION

Upon approval by your Board, please instruct the Executive Office, Clerk of the Board to forward one (1) conformed copy to the Chief Administrative Office, Capital Projects Division, and two (2) conformed copies of this letter and two (2) originals of the resolution to the Department of Parks and Recreation by November 4, 2004, for completion of the grant application packets.

Respectfully submitted,

Russ Guiney
Interim Director

Attachments (6)

c: Executive Office (22)
Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

APPROVING THE APPLICATION OF GRANT FUNDS FROM THE YOUTH SOCCER AND RECREATION DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROGRAM UNDER THE CALIFORNIA CLEAN WATER, CLEAN AIR, SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS, AND COASTAL PROTECTION ACT OF 2002 (PROPOSITION 40) FOR THE AVOCADO HEIGHTS PARK, EARVIN "MAGIC" JOHNSON RECREATION AREA, EL CARISO COMMUNITY REGIONAL PARK, CERRITOS COMMUNITY REGIONAL PARK AND LANCASTER SOCCER FIELDS

WHEREAS, the people of the State of California have enacted the California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks and Coastal Protection Act of 2002, which provides funds to the State of California for grants to eligible applicants; and

WHEREAS, the State of California (Grantor) Department of Parks and Recreation has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of the Youth Soccer and Development Grant Program and the grant projects shown above within the State, setting up necessary procedures; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the State Department of Parks and Recreation require the County of Los Angeles (Grantee) to certify by resolution the approval of applications and the availability of identified matching funds prior to submission of said application(s) to the Grantor; and

WHEREAS, the proposed projects located at Avocado Heights Park and Earvin "Magic" Johnson Recreation Area are categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and

WHEREAS, the proposed projects located at El Cariso Community Regional Park, Cerritos Community Regional Park and a County-owned parcel of land to be developed in the City of Lancaster shall require consideration and approval of environmental documentation pursuant to CEQA; and

WHEREAS, if the Grantee is awarded a grant, the Grantee will enter into a grant agreement with the Grantor for the Youth Soccer Development Projects;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors;

1. Approves the filing of grant applications for the above projects for local assistance funds from the Youth Soccer and Recreation Development Program under the California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2002; and

2. Certifies that the applicant has or will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project; and

3. Certifies that the Grantee has reviewed, understands, and agrees to the General Provisions of the Grant Contract shown in the Procedural Guide; and

4. Certifies that the Grantee has or will have available, prior to commencement of any work on the Project, any identified matches; and

5. Certifies that the Project conforms to the recreation element of any applicable city or county general plan; and

6. Appoints the Interim Director of Parks and Recreation or his designee, as agent of the County of Los Angeles, to accept the grants and conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to, applications, contracts, agreements, amendments, payment requests and so on, and compliance with all applicable, current state and federal laws, which may be necessary.

The foregoing resolution was on the 3rd day of November, 2004, adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies, and authorities for which said Board so acts.

VIOLET VARONA-LUKENS, Executive Office,
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
of the County of Los Angeles

By _____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL

By Helen S. Parker
Helen Parker, Principal Deputy

Los Angeles County Chief Administrative Office
Grant Management Statement for Grants $100,000 or More

Department: Parks and Recreation

Grant Project Title and Description

Earvin "Magic" Johnson Recreation Area:
The proposed project consists of constructing two outdoor basketball courts including bleachers, drinking fountains, and fencing.
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Funding Agency	Program (Fed. Grant#/State Bill or Code #)	Grant Acceptance Deadline
State Parks and Recreation	The Resources Bond Act of 2002	November 5, 2004

Total Amount of Grant Funding: $ 800,000	**County Match:** $200,000	
Grant Period: Eight (8) years.	**Begin Date:** 7/1/04	**End Date:** 7/1/ 2012
Number of Personnel Hired Under This Grant:	**Full Time:** None	**Part Time:** None

Obligations Imposed on the County When Grant Expires

Will all personnel hired for this program be informed this is a grant-funded program?	Yes	No NA
Will all personnel hired for this program be placed on temporary ("N") items?	Yes	No NA
Is the County obligated to continue this program after the grant expires?	Yes	No
If the County is not obligated to continue this program after the grant expires, the Department will:	NA	
a.) Absorb the program cost without reducing other services	Yes	No NA
b.) Identify other revenue sources (describe below)	Yes	No NA
c.) Eliminate or reduce, as appropriate, positions/program costs funded by the grant.	Yes	No NA

Impact of additional personnel on existing space:

None-Not applicable. This is a capital improvement grant project. No personnel or programs are involved.

Other requirements not mentioned above:

None, Not Applicable

Department Head Signature _____ Date 10-20-04

Los Angeles County Chief Administrative Office
Grant Management Statement for Grants $100,000 or More

Department: Parks & Recreation

Grant Project Title and Description

Avocado Heights Park Soccer Project:
This project will provide for new construction of a soccer field, including site furnishings to replace an existing multi-purpose field.

Funding Agency	Program (Fed. Grant#/State Bill or Code #)	Grant Acceptance Deadline
State Parks and Recreation	The Resources Bond Act of 2002	November 5, 2004

Total Amount of Grant Funding: $ 925,000	**County Match:** $110,704	
Grant Period: Eight (8) years.	**Begin Date:** 7/1/04	**End Date:** 7/1/ 2012
Number of Personnel Hired Under This Grant:	**Full Time:** None	**Part Time:** None

Obligations Imposed on the County When Grant Expires

Will all personnel hired for this program be informed this is a grant-funded program?	Yes	(No) NA
Will all personnel hired for this program be placed on temporary ("N") items?	Yes	(No) NA
Is the County obligated to continue this program after the grant expires?	(Yes)	No
If the County is not obligated to continue this program after the grant expires, the Department will:	NA	
a.) Absorb the program cost without reducing other services	Yes	(No) NA
b.) Identify other revenue sources (describe below)	Yes	(No) NA
c.) Eliminate or reduce, as appropriate, positions/program costs funded by the grant.	Yes	(No) NA

Impact of additional personnel on existing space:

None-Not Applicable. This is a capital improvement grant project. No personnel or programs are involved.

Other requirements not mentioned above:
NONE, NOT APPLICABLE

Department Head Signature _____ Date 10-20-04

Los Angeles County Chief Administrative Office
Grant Management Statement for Grants $100,000 or More

Department: Parks and Recreation

Grant Project Title and Description

Cerritos Community Regional Park Soccer Fields:
The proposed project consists of constructing two new soccer fields, parking, lighting and site furnishings in conjunction with refurbishment of the facility, which is currently budgeted and in the design phase.

Funding Agency	Program (Fed. Grant#/State Bill or Code #)	Grant Acceptance Deadline
State Parks and Recreation	The Resources Bond Act of 2002	November 5, 2004

Total Amount of Grant Funding: $ 1,000,000	**County Match:** $784,316	
Grant Period: Eight (8) years.	**Begin Date** 7/1/04	**End Date:** 7/1/ 2012
Number of Personnel Hired Under This Grant:	**Full Time:** None	**Part Time:** None

Obligations Imposed on the County When Grant Expires

Will all personnel hired for this program be informed this is a grant-funded program?	Yes	(No) NA
Will all personnel hired for this program be placed on temporary ("N") items?	Yes	(No) NA
Is the County obligated to continue this program after the grant expires?	(Yes)	No
If the County is not obligated to continue this program after the grant expires, the Department will:	NA	
a.) Absorb the program cost without reducing other services	Yes	(No) NA
b.) Identify other revenue sources (describe below)	Yes	(No) NA
c.) Eliminate or reduce, as appropriate, positions/program costs funded by the grant.	Yes	(No) NA

Impact of additional personnel on existing space:

None- Not Applicable. This is a Capital Improvement Grant Project. No Personnel or Programs are involved.

Other requirements not mentioned above:

None- Not Applicable

Department Head Signature _____ Date 10-20-04

Los Angeles County Chief Administrative Office
Grant Management Statement for Grants $100,000 or More

Department: Parks and Recreation

Grant Project Title and Description

El Cariso Community Regional Park Gym & Community Center:
The proposed project consists of a new 13,000 square foot gymnasium and community center.

Funding Agency	Program (Fed. Grant#/State Bill or Code #)	Grant Acceptance Deadline
State Parks and Recreation	The Resources Bond Act of 2002	November 5, 2004

Total Amount of Grant Funding: $ 1,000,000	**County Match:** $3,702,902	
Grant Period: Eight (8) years.	**Begin Date:** 7/1/04	**End Date:** 7/1/2012
Number of Personnel Hired Under This Grant:	**Full Time:** None	**Part Time:** None

Obligations Imposed on the County When Grant Expires

Will all personnel hired for this program be informed this is a grant-funded program?	Yes	(No) NA
Will all personnel hired for this program be placed on temporary ("N") items?	Yes	(No) NA
Is the County obligated to continue this program after the grant expires?	(Yes)	No
If the County is not obligated to continue this program after the grant expires, the Department will:	NA	
a.) Absorb the program cost without reducing other services	Yes	(No) NA
b.) Identify other revenue sources (describe below)	Yes	(No) NA
c.) Eliminate or reduce, as appropriate, positions/program costs funded by the grant.	Yes	(No) NA

Impact of additional personnel on existing space:

None-Not Applicable. This is a capital improvement grant project. No personnel or programs are involved.

Other requirements not mentioned above:

None. Not Applicable

Department Head Signature _____ Date 10-20-04

Los Angeles County Chief Administrative Office
Grant Management Statement for Grants $100,000 or More

Department: Parks and Recreation

Grant Project Title and Description

Lancaster Soccer Fields:
The proposed project consists of the new development of two (2) new soccer fields, gravel parking lot with access road/entry, infrastructure/landscaping, site furnishings and ADA compliant restrooms. The project would be developed on County-owned land located in the City of Lancaster.

Funding Agency	Program (Fed. Grant#/State Bill or Code #)	Grant Acceptance Deadline
State Parks and Recreation	The Resources Bond Act of 2002	November 5, 2004

Total Amount of Grant Funding: $ 1,000,000	**County Match:** $449,910	
Grant Period: Eight (8) years	**Begin Date** 7/1/04	**End Date:** 7/1/ 2012
Number of Personnel Hired Under This Grant:	**Full Time:** None	**Part Time:** None

Obligations Imposed on the County When Grant Expires

Will all personnel hired for this program be informed this is a grant-funded program?	Yes	(No) NA
Will all personnel hired for this program be placed on temporary ("N") items?	Yes	(No) NA
Is the County obligated to continue this program after the grant expires?	(Yes)	No
If the County is not obligated to continue this program after the grant expires, the Department will:	NA	
a.) Absorb the program cost without reducing other services	Yes	(No) NA
b.) Identify other revenue sources (describe below)	Yes	(No) NA
c.) Eliminate or reduce, as appropriate, positions/program costs funded by the grant.	Yes	(No) NA

Impact of additional personnel on existing space:

None- Not Applicable. This is a Capital Improvement Grant Project. No Personnel or Programs are involved.

Other requirements not mentioned above:

None- Not Applicable

Department Head Signature _____ Date 10-20-04