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SECRETARY

The Honorable Board of Directors
Los Angeles County
Regional Park and Open Space District
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Directors:

APPROVE A REVISED PLAN OF EXPENDITURE AND AN ALTERNATIVE PLAN FOR EXPENDITURE TO REALLOCATE SPECIFIED FUNDS FROM THE CANCELLED ALONDRA PARK GYMNASIUM PROJECT TO THE MARTIN LUTHER KING JUNIOR FITNESS GARDEN PROJECT AND MAKE THE REMAINING FUNDING FROM THE ALONDRA PARK GYMNASIUM PROJECT AVAILABLE FOR FUTURE PROJECTS (SECOND DISTRICT) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

Approval of the recommended actions will reallocate $875,000 in Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition funding to the Martin Luther King Junior Fitness Garden Project to build a 0.26 acre park adjacent to the new County South Health Center in Los Angeles and make the remaining $3,555,780 in funding from the cancelled Alondra Park Gymnasium project available for future projects.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find that the proposed administrative actions are not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act as the actions do not meet the definition of a project according to Sections 15378 (b)(4)(5) of the State California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines, because the actions are administrative activities for government grants which by their terms do not involve any commitments to any specific projects which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

2. Approve the revised plan of expenditure for the Department of Parks and Recreation to reallocate $102,590.64 of Specified Project funds allocated under Section (8), Subsection (a), Paragraph (2), Subparagraph (LL) of the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1992 from the cancelled Alondra Park Gymnasium Project to the Martin Luther King Junior Fitness Garden Project.

3. Approve the alternative plan for expenditure for the Department of Parks and Recreation to reallocate $772,409.36 in Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 allocated under the following sections:

   - $300,000 under Section (3), Subsection (a), Paragraph (1), Subparagraph (H),
   - $25,000 under Section (3), Subsection (a), Paragraph (1), Subparagraph (K),
   - $50,000 under Section (3), Subsection (a), Paragraph (1), Subparagraph (U),
   - $291,604 under Section (3), Subsection (a), Paragraph (1), Subparagraph (UU),
   - $105,805.36 under Section (3), Subsection (a), Paragraph (1), Subparagraph (ZZ)

   from the cancelled Alondra Park Gymnasium Project to the Martin Luther King Junior Fitness Garden Project.

4. Transfer the remaining $3,555,780.14, available for reallocation to other projects, from the cancelled Alondra Park Gymnasium project as follows:

   - $268,368.14 in Proposition of 1992 and Proposition of 1996 funding will be transferred to the Various Second District Parks Acquisition and Development placeholder grant,
   - $3,287,412 in County Excess Funds available to the Second Supervisorial District will become available for reallocation to other projects.

5. Authorize the Director of the Department Parks and Recreation, in his capacity as Director of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, to award a grant and grant amendment when applicable conditions have been met, to administer the grant as of the date of award and pursuant to guidelines in the Procedural Guide for Specified, Per Parcel, and Excess Funds Projects.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

Approval of the recommended actions will reallocate $102,590.64 of Proposition of 1992 (1992 Proposition) Specified Project funds, and $772,409.36 in Proposition of 1996 (1996 Proposition) funds from the cancelled Alondra Park Gymnasium Project to fund the Martin Luther King Junior Fitness Garden Project, and make the remaining $3,555,780 in funding from the cancelled Alondra Park Gymnasium Project available for future projects.

The total grant allocation from the cancelled Alondra Park Gymnasium Project is $4,430,780.14, which consisted of:

- $102,590.64 in 1992 Proposition Specified funds,
- $75,000.75 in 1992 Proposition Per Parcel Discretionary funds,
- $48,323.16 in 1996 Proposition Per Parcel Discretionary funds,
- $917,453.59 in 1996 Proposition Specified funds, and
- $3,287,412 in County Excess Funds available to the Second Supervisorial District.

The $102,590.64 in 1992 Proposition Specified funds and the $772,409.36 in 1996 Proposition Specified funds, totaling $875,000, will be reallocated to the Martin Luther King Junior Fitness Park Project.

The proposed project will create a 0.26-acre fitness garden adjacent to the new 33,000-square-foot South Health Center currently being constructed at the corner of East 120th Street and Wilmington Avenue in the City of Los Angeles. The garden will include a greenway that will feature a walking/jogging path, Americans with Disabilities Act compliant par course exercise stations, seating areas, and native landscaping using drought-tolerant shade trees and shrubs. The total cost for the project is $875,000 including vacation of Bandera Street.

The remaining $268,368.14 in 1996 Proposition funding will be transferred to the Various Second District Parks Acquisition and Development placeholder grant for reallocation for future projects and $3,287,412 in County Excess Funds available to the Second Supervisorial District will become available for reallocation to other projects.

Approval of the recommended actions will authorized the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation (Department) to award the grant and grant amendment to the Department when applicable conditions have been met, such as grantee qualifications, consistency between the project and requirements of the 1996 Proposition, and grantee agreement with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements for the project, and to administer the grant pursuant to the Procedural Guide previously approved by your Board.

In a related item on today's agenda, the Chief Executive Office and the Department request your approval to reallocate the $875,000 in Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition funds to the Martin Luther King Junior Fitness Garden Project and to make the remaining funds from the Alondra Park Gymnasium Project available for reallocation.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The proposed recommendations further the Board approved County Strategic Plan Goals of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1), and Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3), by enhancing recreational opportunities to benefit County residents in the Second Supervisorial District.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Sufficient appropriation for the $875,000 grant for the Martin Luther King Junior Fitness Garden Project grant and for the $268,368.14 grant amendment to the Various Second District Parks Acquisition and Development placeholder grant is budgeted in the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District's (RPOSD) Assessment Fund, HB4 and $3,287,412 to be returned to uncommitted County Excess Funds is budgeted in the Second Supervisorial District portion of the District's Excess Funds Project Fund, HD6.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The 1992 Proposition provided funding for projects that were specified in the measure and identified a procedure for revision of those projects prior to July 1, 1998. That procedure remains the method by which specified project funds may be approved by your Board for other uses. An agency may submit a revised plan of expenditure to use the funds for a project that is consistent with the purposes of the 1992 Proposition after the grantee's governing body considers and approves the revision of its project at a public meeting.

Under the provisions of Section (5), Subsection (e), of the 1996 Proposition an alternative plan for expenditure must be submitted and approved to commit the funds allocated to specified projects between June 30, 2003, and June 30, 2004. As of July 1, 2004, uncommitted Specified Project funds are subject to allocation to other projects by your Board.

If your Board does not approve the Department's requests, the Department may either expend the funds for the uses originally specified, request your Board's approval to fund different new projects with the funds, or relinquish its claim to the funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

All public agency projects funded by RPOSD are required to comply with the CEQA as a condition of the grant. The lead agency is responsible for preparing the appropriate environmental documentation for the project. The County of Los Angeles is the lead agency for the Martin Luther King Junior Fitness Garden Project.

The administrative actions proposed by the RPOSD are not subject to CEQA in that the actions do not meet the definition of a project according to Sections 15378 (b)(4)(5) of the State CEQA Guidelines, because the actions are administrative activities for government grants which by their terms do not involve any commitments to any specific projects which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

On June 2, 2009, your Board approved the Procedural Guide, for governing the administration of RPOSD grants. The Procedural Guide will appropriately govern the administration of the recommended additional grant as well.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

A Grant Project Agreement and an amendment will be entered into and administered under authority delegated to the Director of the Department and pursuant to the Procedural Guide approved by the Board in 2009 only if all applicable conditions of the grant have been met. The Project Agreement and amendment will be approved as to form by County Counsel.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

There is no impact on current services. The recommended project adjacent to the new County South Health Center will enhance safe and accessible fitness opportunities in the Second Supervisorial District if all applicable conditions of the grant are met.

CONCLUSION

Please instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to return one adopted copy of this action to the Chief Executive Office, Capital Projects Division, and one copy to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Respectfully submitted,

Russ Guiney
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