

ARTS, PARKS, HEALTH, AGING AND RIVER COMMITTEE REPORT relative to acceptance of the Small Community Transformation grant award in the approximate amount of \$403,232 from the Community Health Councils, Inc. (CHC) for assistance with the development of open space plans.

Recommendations for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

1. AUTHORIZE the General Manager of the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) to accept and receive the Small Community Transformation grant award in the approximate amount of \$403,232 from the CHC for assistance in the development of open space plans.
2. DESIGNATE and AUTHORIZE the RAP's General Manager, Executive Officer, or Assistant General Manager, as the agent to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents, including but limited to applications, agreements, amendments, and payment requests and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of the project.
3. AUTHORIZE the RAP's Chief Accounting Employee to establish the necessary accounts and/or to appropriate funding received within the "Recreation and Parks Grant" Fund 205 to accept the Small Community Transformation Grant from the CHC in in the approximate amount of \$403,232.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On August 12, 2013, your Committee considered a July 10, 2013 RAP report relative to acceptance of the Small Community Transformation grant award in the approximate amount of \$403,232 from CHC for assistance with the development of open space plans. According to the RAP, in December 2011, CHC invited the RAP to participate as a technical assistance partner/subcontractor in the development of open space plans for the following Community Plan Areas within the City of Los Angeles: Central City, Arleta-Pacoima, Boyle Heights, Southeast Los Angeles, and Wilmington-Harbor City.

RAP staff met with CHC and agreed to partner with it to assist in the development of these open space plans with the understanding that RAP would be awarded grant funding to reimburse staff costs associated with the development of the City of Los Angeles area open space plans. In July 2012, CHC applied for and in October 2012, received a Small Community Transformation Grant (CTG) from the United States Department of Health and Human Services in the amount of \$7.9 million for the purposes of funding the development and execution of various health-related programs and projects in partnership with several non-profit organizations and local agencies. As a partner with CHC, RAP's Planning, Construction, and Maintenance Branch staff will work collaboratively with CHC staff. RAP's staffing costs will be reimbursed for expenses associated with the development of the open space plans in an amount not to exceed \$403,232.00 over the two year grant performance period from October 2012 to September 2014. It is the intention of RAP to pursue additional grant funding in order to develop open space plans for all areas of the City.

After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend authorizing the acceptance of the grant from the CHC. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

ARTS, PARKS, HEALTH, AGING AND RIVER COMMITTEE

**MEMBER    VOTE**

O'FARRELL: YES

LABONGE: ABSENT

BUSCAINO: YES

CEDILLO: ABSENT

PRICE: YES

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