

ARTS, PARKS, HEALTH, AGING AND RIVER COMMITTEE REPORT relative to assigning to the Los Angeles Community Garden Council (LACGC) a right to apply for Proposition A Cities Excess Funds in the amount of \$20,000 to be used for the completion of the Drew Street Park Community Garden Improvements Project.

Recommendation for Council action:

ADOPT the RESOLUTION, attached to the Council file, which assigns to the LACGC a right to apply for Proposition A Cities Excess Funds in the amount of \$20,000, which are available from the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for the First Supervisorial District of the County of Los Angeles, on condition that the funds are used for the completion of the Drew Street Park Community Garden Improvements Project, located within the City of Los Angeles.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) reports that there is no fiscal impact to the RAP's General Fund as funding for the completion of the Drew Street Park Community Garden Improvements Project will be the responsibility of the LACGC.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On January 27, 2014, your Committee considered a December 11, 2013 RAP report and Resolution relative to assigning to the LACGC a right to apply for Proposition A Cities Excess Funds in the amount of \$20,000 to be used for the completion of the Drew Street Park Community Garden Improvements Project. According to the RAP, as a result of the November 3, 1992 and November 5, 1996 elections, the Los Angeles County Proposition A, Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions (collectively the Propositions) were enacted, which among other uses, provide funds to public agencies and nonprofit organizations in the County to be used for the acquisition, development and/or rehabilitation of facilities and open space for public recreation.

In accordance with the Proposition A guidelines, each fiscal year, an independent audit of the Proposition A Grant Program calculates the excess of the grant program's revenues over expenses. A portion of these excess funds are made available for eligible projects and are known as Excess Funds. The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, at its discretion, allocates these funds to eligible applicants. Only applicants that have expended or committed to expend all funds allocated to them are eligible to receive Excess Funds, which are allocated to the following four categories: Competitive Excess Funds, Specified Excess Funds, Cities Excess Funds and County Excess Funds.

As the City's primary grant administrator for the Proposition A Grant Program, the RAP received a request from the County seeking Council approval of the attached resolution assigning the right to apply for Proposition A Cities Excess Funds to the Los Angeles Community Garden Council (LACGC), a non-profit organization. The LACGC is proposing to install a decorative fence around the community garden in the Drew/Estara neighborhood near San Fernando Road and Fletcher Drive in Glassell Park, which provides plots for thirty-eight (38) local families to grow healthy, organic fruits and vegetables for their families and friends.

After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend adoption of the Motion. 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: YES

BUSCAINO: ABSENT

CEDILLO: ABSENT

PRICE: YES

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