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August 26, 2019

Honorable Eric Garcetti, Mayor  
City of Los Angeles  
Room 303, City Hall

Honorable City Council  
City of Los Angeles  
c/o: Office of the City Clerk  
City Hall, Room 395

Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council:

Subject:

Proposition 68 Statewide Park Program 2019 Round; Approval of Project Scopes and Budget; Resolutions; Approval of Donation Agreements; Acceptance of Grant Funds if Awarded.

Recommendation for Council Action:

The Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (Board) respectfully requests Mayor and City Council approve the Non-Profit Resolutions supporting the submittal of Prop 68 SPP grant applications by the Los Angeles Initiative (LANI) for the Western Gage Median Park Project, the Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust (LANLT) for the Watts Crescent Project, and Approves the filing of an application for various projects, as detailed in the attached Report.

Background:

On June 5, 2018, Proposition 68 (Prop 68) was passed by a majority of California voters to fund a \$4.1 billion "California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor for All Act of 2018". The purpose of Prop 68 is to fund state and local parks, beaches, environmental protection and restoration, water infrastructure, and flood protection projects. A total of \$650,275,000 of Prop 68 funds have been dedicated to the Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program (SPP).

On January 29, 2019, the State released the initial notice of funding availability for the Prop 68 SPP, which the state calls the "2019 Round", in the amount of \$254,942,000 to be awarded to communities across the State. This grant program competitively awards grants for the creation of new parks, boundary expansion and improvement of existing parks, or the renovation of recreation features at existing parks. Prop 68 SPP funding is limited to parks located in areas that either lack adequate park space of 3 acres per 1000 persons or have significant poverty with an average annual household level income below \$51,026. Prop 68 SPP 2019 Round applications were due August 5, 2019.



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In addition to projects developed by the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) staff, two non-profit organizations, LANI and LANLT coordinated with RAP and Council Offices for permission to develop parcels these non-profit organizations have been historically involved with. LANI joined together in partnership with Council District 8 to develop the Western-Gage Triangle project and to submit an application for Prop 68 SPP funds for the project. Likewise, LANLT and Council District 15 have partnered to develop portions of land identified as Watts Crescent as a Prop 68 project and to submit an application for Prop 68 SPP funds for such purpose. LANI and LANLT have prepared and submitted grant proposals for their respective projects. However, the State requires LANI and LANLT to submit agreements with RAP which memorializes the non-profit entities' roles in funding and completing the projects and RAP's commitment to receiving the projects once completed. This requirement is discussed further in this Report in the "LANI and LANLT Partnership with RAP" section.

Fiscal Impact Statement:

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to RAP's General Fund in applying for the Prop 68 SPP funds. All project acquisition and/or development costs are covered by the Prop 68 grant funds, subject to award, and any funds currently committed to RAP's 21 projects and the two Non-Profit Projects. Future operation and maintenance costs are yet to be determined and will be requested in future budget requests.

If you have any questions with regard to this matter, please contact Mr. Bill Jones, Chief Management Analyst, Grants Administration, at (213) 202-5657.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF RECREATION AND  
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Attachments: Board Report No. 19-165

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