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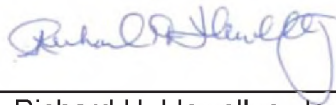
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TO Council	DATE 05-08-20	COUNCIL FILE NO.
FROM Proposition K – L.A. For Kids Steering Committee		COUNCIL DISTRICT All CDs

At its Special meeting held on May 7, 2020, the L.A. for Kids Steering Committee adopted the recommendations of the attached report, which is hereby transmitted for Council consideration. Adoption of the report would:

- 1) Authorize extending the deadline to submit proposals for the Vermont/Western Station Neighborhood Area Plan (SNAP) – Parks First Trust Fund by three months from 3:00 p.m. on May 28, 2020, to 3:00 p.m. on August 27, 2020;
- 2) Authorize withdrawing the Proposition K (Prop K) and Health Alternatives to Smoking Trust Fund (HATS) funding from the L.A. for Kids Program Tenth Cycle Request for Proposals that was released on February 27, 2020; and,
- 3) Instruct the Bureau of Engineering (BOE) to report to the L.A. for Kids Steering Committee and City Council by January 2021 for review and approval of the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Prop K and HATS funding in anticipation of releasing the RFP by February 25, 2021.

BOE released the Tenth Cycle RFP on February 27, 2020, with proposals due on May 28, 2020. The current RFP includes total funding of \$20.53 million, which is comprised of Prop K Competitive funds (\$16.15 million), HATS funds (\$1.23 million), and Parks First funding (\$3.15 million). Due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, potential applicants that include City departments and at least one Council Office have advised the Program Management Team of the need to extend the RFP submission deadline. Subject to the approval of the report recommendations, Parks First awards would become available in 2020-21, while Proposition K and HATS funds would become available beginning in 2021-22, with additional details for the revised timeline reflected in the attached report. Staff will report to the L.A. for Kids Steering Committee and Council to obtain approval prior to reissuance of the RFP for Prop K and HATS funds in February 2021. There is no impact on the General Fund as this is an administrative action.



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Chair, L.A. For Kids Steering Committee

FORM GEN. 160

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
INTER-DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

Date: May 7, 2020

To: L.A. for Kids Steering Committee

From: CAO Staff

Subject: **RECOMMENDATION TO WITHDRAW AND EXTEND PORTIONS OF THE L.A. FOR KIDS PROGRAM TENTH CYCLE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

RECOMMENDATION

That the L.A. for Kids Steering Committee recommends that the City Council:

1. Authorize extending the deadline to submit proposals for the Vermont/Western Station Neighborhood Area Plan (SNAP) - Parks First Trust Fund by three months from 3:00 p.m. on May 28, 2020 to 3:00 p.m. on August 27, 2020;
2. Authorize withdrawing the Proposition K and Health Alternatives to Smoking Trust Fund (HATS) funding from the L.A. for Kids Program Tenth Cycle Request for Proposals that was released on February 27, 2020; and,
3. Instruct the Bureau of Engineering to report to the L.A. for Kids Steering Committee and City Council by January 2021 for review and approval of the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Proposition K and HATS funding in anticipation of releasing the RFP by February 25, 2021.

SUMMARY

The Program Management Team recommends an extension of the Proposition K Tenth Cycle Requests for Proposals (RFP) submission deadline for the Parks First Trust Fund component and a withdrawal of the remaining funding sources and subsequent re-issuance in February 2021, due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic to City Departments and external entities that would otherwise apply for funding. The Bureau of Engineering (BOE) released the Proposition K Tenth Funding Cycle Request for Proposals (RFP) on February 27, 2020 with the deadline to submit proposals on May 28, 2020 (C.F. 20-0138). The RFP includes a total funding availability of \$20.53 million, which includes: \$16.15 million in Proposition K competitive funds, \$1.23 million in Health Alternatives to Smoking Fund (HATS) monies, and, \$3.15 million available through the Parks First Trust Fund (Parks First).

Beginning on March 18, 2020, BOE conducted a total of six online Technical Assistance Seminars, which includes two additional sessions than originally planned. During these seminars, BOE received several inquiries from potential applicants indicating a need to extend the RFP submission due to mitigating circumstances surrounding the current pandemic. City staff also surveyed the needs of City Departments and other potential applicants, with at least one request received from a Council Office.

Proposition K and HATS Funds: RFP Withdrawal and Re-issuance

Based on the input received from impacted parties, the Program Management Team is recommending the withdrawal and then reissuance of the Proposition K and HATS funding components of the Tenth Cycle RFP in February 2021. This reflects a one-year postponement from the original RFP issuance date and therefore, the earliest the competitive Proposition K funds and HATS funds would be available for projects is July 1, 2022. Staff will report to the L.A. for Kids Steering Committee and City Council for approval of the RFP prior to its re-release in February 2021. A proposed updated timeline for the Proposition K and HATS funding is provided in the chart below:

Revised RFP Timeline – Proposition K and HATS Funding	
Date	Action
February 25, 2021	Reissuance of the Proposition K and HATS RFP
March to April 2021	Technical Assistance Seminars
May 27, 2021	Proposals due by 3:00 p.m.
Mid-August 2021	Proposals reviewed and applicants notified of initial eligibility determinations
Early September 2021	Scoring panels administered
September 30, 2021	BOE preliminary funding recommendations considered by the Steering Committee (SC). SC transmits recommendations to RVNOCs
Thursday, October 28, 2021	Deadline for submittal of executed JUAs and agreements and site specific JUAs
March to April 2022	SC reviews and authorizes final award recommendations to Council
April to June 2022	City Council grant award hearings and final action
June to July 2022	Grant award notifications

The Program Management Team supported initiation of the Tenth Cycle RFP to assist the program maintain its \$25 million annual funding obligation, to avoid permanent loss of any uncommitted funds at the close of each fiscal year. At this time, there are many unresolved project development barriers for the remaining Proposition K specified projects, including significant funding shortfalls. The one-year delay of the Proposition K component of the RFP, will effectively increase the level of funding for the Specified program by \$5.38 million in FY 2021-20. The Program Management Team is already actively engaged in efforts to resolve project impediments and activate sufficient activities within the Specified program to meet the program's annual obligations and avoid funding loss.

Parks First Funding

The Parks First Program was established to collect development fees to expand recreational space within the Vermont/Western Station Neighborhood Area Plan (SNAP) boundaries that includes Council District 13 and smaller portions of Council Districts 4 and 10. Based on internal discussions with City entities, there is support for a three-month RFP deadline extension for the Parks First Trust Fund component of the Tenth Cycle RFP, from May 28, 2020 to August 27, 2020. The Program Management Team believes this is feasible since this component involves a relatively small geographic region and a lower level of funding availability. However, if a longer deadline extension is later determined to be needed, the Program Management Team will report at a future time to implement the needed authorities and implementing actions. City Attorney has confirmed that the award of this funding source can occur on a separate timeline from the other sources.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no General Fund impact as this is an administrative action.

FINANCIAL POLICIES

The actions recommended in this report comply with the City's Financial Policies.

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