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March 16, 2023

Honorable Karen Bass, 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:

United States Tennis Association (USTA) 2022 Wheelchair Tennis Grassroots Grant -Retroactive approval of submission of funding application; acceptance of Grant Funds, if awarded

Recommendation for Council Action:

The Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners (Board) respectfully requests Mayor and City Council approval for the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) to (i) Retroactively approve the submission of a grant application, for a 2022 Wheelchair Tennis Grassroots Grant from the United States Tennis Association (USTA)(Grant), which was submitted without prior Mayor or Council approval due to this being a competitive grant with no City General Funds or matching funds required, as well as the notice of funding availability was published less than 61 days in advance of the application deadline, pursuant to Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 14.6 et seq. as may be amended; (ii) Authorize RAP's General Manager or designee to receive the Grant and accept funds, if awarded, in an amount up to Five Thousand Dollars {\$5,000}, from USTA, in support of wheelchair tennis through RAP's Play LA Youth Adaptive Sports program.

Background:

The 2022 USTA Wheelchair Tennis Grassroots Grant opportunity was offered to help grow the sport by bringing new players to the sport and/or keep pre-existing players through assisting with the costs of purchasing basic tennis equipment, program marketing, hiring tennis professionals to run clinics, or running social/one day tournaments. RAP staff was notified of this grant opportunity on October 24, 2022, which was due on October 31, 2022. The Grant application, attached to this Report as Attachment 1, was submitted to USTA on October 25, 2022. The Grant will assist RAP with the purchase of new equipment such as rackets, tennis balls, nets, mini-teaching carts, or tennis ball retrievers to be utilized for RAP's PlayLA Adaptive Sports wheelchair tennis program, or to pay for tennis instructors or one day tournaments or other wheelchair tennis events. Through this Report, RAP staff requests approval of its submission of the application for the Grant and for the acceptance of Grant funds, if awarded, in an amount up to Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) from USTA.



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Fiscal Impact Statement:

Acceptance of this Grant will have no impact to RAP's General Fund and will provide essential funding to further enhance RAP's wheelchair tennis programs through the PlayLA Adaptive Sports program.

If you have any questions with regard to this matter, please contact Jennifer Sapone, Sr. Management Analyst I, Program Grants Section Department of Recreation and Parks, at (213) 485-8744.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF RECREATION AND
PARK COMMISSIONERS

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Takisha Sardin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'T'.

Takisha Sardin
Acting Commission Executive
Assistant II

Attachments: Board Report No. 23-046

cc: Jennifer Sapone, Sr. Management Analyst I, Program Grants Section, Department of Recreation and Parks