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REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER  
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**BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS**

**SUBJECT: RALPH M. PARSONS PRESCHOOL AT EXPO CENTER – CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION 2016-2017 CALIFORNIA STATE PRESCHOOL PROGRAM EXPANSION – AUTHORIZATION FOR FUNDING APPLICATION FOR SUBSIDIZED PRESCHOOL SERVICES; ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS**

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Retroactively authorize the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) to submit a funding application to the California Department of Education (CDE) for Three Hundred Seven Thousand, Nine Hundred Seventy-Two Dollars (\$307,972.00) in funding under the Fiscal Year (FY) 2016-2017 California State Preschool Program (CSPP) Expansion for subsidized preschool services at the Ralph M. Parsons Preschool at EXPO Center, subject to Mayor and City Council consideration;
2. Direct staff to transmit a copy of the funding application to the Mayor, Office of the City Administrative Officer (CAO), Office of the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA), and to the City Clerk for Committee and City Council approval before accepting and receiving the grant award, pursuant to Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 14.6 et seq. as may be amended;
3. Authorize RAP's General Manager to accept and receive from CDE funding of Three Hundred Seven Thousand, Nine Hundred Seventy-Two Dollars (\$307,972.00) under the FY 2016-2017 CSPP, if awarded, for subsidized preschool services at the Ralph M. Parsons Preschool at EXPO Center, subject to the approval of the Mayor and City Council;
4. Designate RAP's General Manager, Chief Financial Officer, or Assistant General Manager, as the agent to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents, including, but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, and payment requests, which may be necessary for the implementation and completion of the project(s);

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5. Authorize RAP's Chief Accounting Employee to establish the necessary account and/or to appropriate funding received within "Recreation and Parks Grant" Fund 205 to accept the FY 2016-2017 CSPP funding, if awarded, in the amount of Three Hundred Seven Thousand, Nine Hundred Seventy-Two Dollars (\$307,972.00) from the CDE for subsidized preschool services at the Ralph M. Parsons Preschool at EXPO Center; and,
6. Authorize RAP's Chief Accounting Employee to make any technical changes, as may be necessary to effectuate the intent of these funds.

SUMMARY:

The Ralph M. Parsons Preschool at EXPO Center (Parsons) is a State-licensed preschool able to serve up to ninety (90) children ages three (3) to (5). In 2006, RAP received an initial grant from the Los Angeles Universal Preschool (LAUP) to subsidize thirty-two (32) children for a half-day preschool at Parsons. LAUP is the local non-profit organization which has received and distributed a portion of funds generated from the 1998 passage of Proposition 10, the tobacco tax, to eligible preschool providers in Los Angeles. RAP has continued to receive a grant annually to subsidize about a third (1/3) of the Parsons preschool enrollment while the remaining preschool slots are enrolled with children whose families pay customary fees, typically Sixty Dollars (\$60.00) per week for half-day preschool to One Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$120) for full-day preschool. For the FY 2015-2016, the maximum allowable reimbursement from LAUP is One Hundred Twenty-Six Thousand, Seven Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$126,720.00), with payments made by LAUP based on RAP's actual enrollment, attendance, and expenses.

LAUP has communicated to all the preschools that the funds available under Proposition 10 are running out. In seeking alternative funding sources to continue to help low-income families in the EXPO Center area, staff learned that CDE had funding to expand the number of grantees under the CSPP program and would be conducting a competitive process for preschools to apply for new funding. Based on the CDE formulas, the application to fund full-time enrollment for thirty (30) full-time preschool children is for a maximum reimbursable amount of Three Hundred Seven Thousand, Nine Hundred Seventy-Two Dollars (\$307,972.00). If awarded this funding for FY 2016-2017, RAP is able to provide child care services at Parsons for thirty (30) full-time four-year-olds from families with incomes at or below the seventy-five percent (75%) of the State median income level. The full day services also give participants' parents, who would otherwise be unable to afford these services, the opportunity to seek employment or return to school in hopes of creating better economic opportunities for their families.

The application was submitted before the deadline of November 24, 2015. Awards and amounts are typically announced once the State of California budget for the subject fiscal year is approved.

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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

The acceptance of this grant does not require match funding. The grants assist RAP by providing additional funding to continue the subsidized preschool program at the Ralph M. Parsons Preschool at EXPO Center and improve services from half-day to full-day.

This Report was prepared by Vicki Israel, Assistant General Manager.