

CITY OF OAKLAND
AGENDA REPORT

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TO: Office of the City Administrator
ATTN: Deborah Edgerly
FROM: Office of Parks and Recreation
DATE: September 28, 2004

RE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE GRANT FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF BOATING AND WATERWAYS IN THE AMOUNT OF SIXTEEN THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED AND FIFTEEN DOLLARS (\$16,615) TO PURCHASE BOATING EQUIPMENT FOR THE LAKE MERRITT BOATING CENTER AND PROMOTION OF BOATING SAFETY EDUCATION

SUMMARY

Staff recommends City Council approval of a resolution authorizing the City Administrator or her designee to apply for, accept and appropriate a State of California Department of Boating and Waterways grant in the amount of \$16,615. If approved, the grant will allow the Office of Parks and Recreation to purchase boating equipment to be used for youth and adult recreational boating on Lake Merritt and to promote boating safety.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds awarded will be appropriated in the Parks and Recreation Grant Fund (2992), Boating Organization (502350), Account 52611. This grant program does not require a city match. Funds are received on a reimbursable basis. Items purchased will replace existing equipment that is wearing out or inoperable due to part failure. No additional City maintenance funds are required.

BACKGROUND

The State of California Department of Boating and Waterways provides grants to public agencies and non-profit organizations that promote programs that offer on-the-water training in order to enhance basic boating safety education. Grant funds can be used to purchase vessels, associated boating equipment, and staff certification training.

KEY ISSUES AND IMPACTS

Boating safety is a component of all programs hosted at Lake Merritt Boating Center (LMBC). Program customers exceed 2,000 annually and over 10,000 customers enjoy recreational boating

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through equipment rental. The existing boating equipment has aged and is no longer fully functional. Current budget allocations are adequate only to maintain existing functional equipment and do not provide for the acquisition of new boating and safety equipment. Items purchased with grant funds will allow upgrade of or enhancement of existing equipment bringing it back to a fully functional state. Grant funds also enable purchase of safety radios, lifejackets and scholarships (\$7,800 or nearly half the grant funds).

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Grant funds are vital to on-going boating programs at Lake Merritt. Equipment purchased will improve current programming and provide for expansion of future programs. Customers will benefit through upgraded equipment and a safer facility. Scholarships will allow staff to offer 40 Oakland youth access to a week of summer camp and 40 middle school students the opportunity to attend our new After School Learn To Sail program. In addition, the funds will be used to upgrade existing equipment providing the community with an enhanced recreational venue. With the new equipment and more safety equipment available, LMBC will be able to offer programs to more citizens.

SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES

Economic: No Economic opportunities are associated with this grant.

Environmental: Students are taught about the unique aspects of Lake Merritt and the Oakland Estuary Watershed. Programs teaching marine ecology utilize grant-funded equipment such as lifejackets, safety radios and the outboard engine. The scholarships funded by the grant include the marine ecology component.

Social Equity: Scholarships are reserved for Oakland residents with financial need. Grant funds will enable 80 Oakland youth the opportunity to participate and experience boating. Often this is their first exposure to boating, even though many live within walking distance of Lake Merritt.

DISABILITY AND SENIOR CITIZEN ACCESS

Lake Merritt Boating Center programs are accessible to seniors and persons with disabilities.

RECOMMENDATION(S) AND RATIONALE


The purchase of safety equipment and repair parts will enable the Office of Parks and Recreation to meet the need for expanded boating programs and will more effectively provide for the safety of participants in boating programs.

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ACTION REQUESTED OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Staff recommends that City Council approve the resolution authorizing the City Administrator or her designee to apply for, accept, and appropriate grant funds from the State of California Department of Boating and Waterways in the amount of sixteen thousand six hundred and fifteen dollars.

Respectfully submitted,


AUDREE JONES TAYLOR
Director Office of Parks and Recreation

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Boating and Aquatics Unit

APPROVED AND FORWARDED TO THE
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:


OFFICE OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION No. _____

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE GRANT FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF BOATING AND WATERWAYS IN THE AMOUNT OF SIXTEEN THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED AND FIFTEEN DOLLARS (\$16,615) FOR BOATING EQUIPMENT FOR THE LAKE MERRITT BOATING CENTER AND PROMOTION OF BOATING SAFETY EDUCATION

WHEREAS, the State of California Department of Boating and Waterways provides grants to public agencies and non-profit organizations who promote boating safety training; and

WHEREAS, the grantee may purchase boating equipment used in conjunction with boating safety training programs; and

WHEREAS, the City Administrator seeks authorization to apply for the maximum grant funding in the amount of sixteen thousand six hundred and fifteen dollars (\$16,615) to purchase sailing and boating equipment such as Capri main & jibs, boat dollies, lifejackets, outboard engine, safety radios, and to fund scholarships; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Administrator or her designee is hereby authorized to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to applications, agreements, payment requests that may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned grant; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Administrator or her designee is hereby authorized to accept and appropriate grant funds in the amount of sixteen thousand six hundred and fifteen dollars (\$16,615) in Fund 2992, Organization 502350, Account 52611; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Office of the City Attorney has approved this resolution as to form and legality, and a copy will be on file in the Office of the City Clerk.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____, 20____

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES- BROOKS, BRUNNER, CHANG, NADEL, QUAN, REID, WAN and PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE

NOES-

ABSENT-

ABSTENTION-

ATTEST: _____

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CEDA PUBLIC SAFETY CMTE.
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
of the City of Oakland, California

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