

## ***AGENDA REPORT***

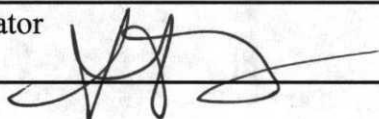
**TO:** HENRY L. GARDNER  
INTERIM CITY ADMINISTRATOR

**FROM:** Audree V. Jones-Taylor

**SUBJECT:** Boating and Waterways Grant

**DATE:** August 25, 2014

City Administrator  
Approval



Date

9-3-14

**COUNCIL DISTRICT:** City-Wide

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that City Council approve a resolution authorizing the City Administrator or his designee to apply for, accept, and appropriate grant funds from the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation Division of Boating and Waterways Aquatic Center Grant Program in the amount not to exceed forty-five thousand dollars (\$45,000) for the remainder of the fiscal year 2013/2014-2014/2015 grant cycle, and in an amount not to exceed ninety-five thousand dollars (\$95,000) for the full fiscal year 2015/2016-2016/2017 grant cycle for funding for Oakland Parks and Recreation boating program equipment, scholarships, staff training, and event support.

### **OUTCOME**

City Council approval will result in Oakland Parks and Recreation (OPR) boating programs being eligible to receive grant funds to purchase vessels and associated boating equipment, provide scholarships for low-income boating participants, provide safety training for boating staff, and provide public boating safety events.

### **BACKGROUND/LEGISLATIVE HISTORY**

Parks and Recreation has been awarded Aquatic Center grant funds for over ten years and they are vital to on-going boating programs at Lake Merritt.

The State of California Department of Parks and Recreation Division of Boating and Waterways distributes funds from the Harbor and Waterways Revolving Fund to enhance boaters' knowledge of boating laws, practical handling of vessels on the water, weather and water conditions, rules of the road, equipment requirements and environmental stewardship. The Aquatic Center Grant Program provides grants to public agencies and non-profit organizations that offer on-the-water training programs in order to enhance basic boating safety education. Grant terms allow for funds to be used to purchase vessels and associated boating equipment,

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provide scholarships for low-income boating participants, provide safety training for boating staff, and provide public boating safety events.

California Boating and Waterways recently became a Division within the California Department of Parks and Recreation and new grant procedures are in place. California Boating and Waterways operates on a two year grant cycle where second year grant funds, if awarded, are added to existing first year grant contracts. Combining the two years of funding into one grant contract is expected to raise the dollar amount above the \$50,000 threshold as authorized by City Council Resolution No. 79714 C.M.S., thus a new City Council authorization will be required every two years.

Grant funds for the first phase of cycle one totaling \$41,970 were accepted and appropriated in FY2013-14 per Resolution No. 79714 C.M.S.

### **ANALYSIS**

Parks and Recreation boating programs served 4,680 people in enrolled programs and 15,298 drop-in boat rental customers in fiscal year 2013-14. Equipment purchased improves current programming providing the community with an enhanced recreational venue. Scholarships provide for low-income boating participants including classes from Oakland Title I public schools. Staff training increases the safety of all participants in boating programs. The National Safe Boating Week Open House and Boating Safety Event educates the public about safe boating and showcases the City's boating centers.

### **PUBLIC OUTREACH/INTEREST**

This item did not require public outreach.

### **COORDINATION**

Oakland Parks and Recreation prepared this report in coordination with the Oakland Office of the City Attorney and the Oakland Budget Office.

### **COST SUMMARY/IMPLICATIONS**

This grant program does not require a city match. Funds are received on a reimbursable basis. Funds will be appropriated to the Parks and Recreation Fund (2996), Organization (502350), Accounts to be determined at a later date. Grant provides funding for existing programs and equipment replacement therefore no additional expenses will be incurred. New equipment replaces aging equipment thereby reducing the City's maintenance liability. The Parks and Recreation budget funds a Recreation Attendant II, PPT position to coordinate boat maintenance.

### **SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES**

**Economic:** Approval of this resolution does not offer economic opportunities.

**Environmental:** Parks and Recreation boating programs encourage and promote environmental stewardship of the unique aspects of Lake Merritt and the Oakland Estuary Watershed. Programs teach youth and adults about human and wind powered recreation opportunities.

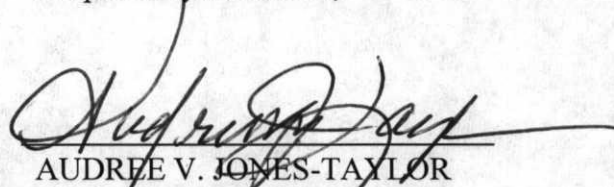
**Social Equity:** Scholarships are reserved for Oakland school children attending Title I schools and Oakland youth with financial need. Grant funds will enable underserved Oakland youth the opportunity to participate in and experience exceptional boating programs.

### **CEQA**

This report is not a project under CEQA.

For questions regarding this report, please contact Sarah Herbelin, Recreation Supervisor, 510-238-2196.

Respectfully submitted,



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Boating & Outdoor Recreation



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# OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

*MacFarland*  
City Attorney

2014 SEP -4 AM 9:36 RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_\_ C.M.S.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE GRANT FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION DIVISION OF BOATING AND WATERWAYS AQUATIC CENTER GRANT PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FORTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$45,000) FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2013/2014 – 2014/2015 GRANT CYCLE, AND IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED NINETY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$95,000) FOR THE FULL FISCAL YEAR 2015/2016 – 2016/2017 GRANT CYCLE FOR FUNDING FOR OAKLAND PARKS & RECREATION BOATING PROGRAM EQUIPMENT, SCHOLARSHIPS, STAFF TRAINING, AND EVENT SUPPORT**

**WHEREAS**, the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation Division of Boating and Waterways provides grants to public agencies that offer on-the-water training programs in order to enhance basic boating safety education; and

**WHEREAS**, the grant funding may be used to purchase vessels and associated boating equipment, provide scholarships for low-income boating participants, provide staff boating safety training, and provide a public boating safety event; and

**WHEREAS**, this grant funding will allow Oakland Parks & Recreation (OPR) to 1) purchase boating equipment related to youth and adult recreational boating programming used on Lake Merritt and the Oakland Estuary, 2) provide scholarships for fifth grade students from Title 1 schools in Oakland, youth from Oakland Recreation Centers, and low-income Oakland youth to participate in Parks & Recreation boating programs, 3) fund boating safety training for program staff, and 4) offer a public boating safety event; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation Division of Boating and Waterways Aquatic Center Grants are awarded in two year cycles; and

**WHEREAS**, grant funds for the first phase of the FY 2013/2014 – 2014/2015 grant cycle totaling \$41,970 were accepted and appropriated in FY2013-14 by the City Administrator pursuant to the authority designated in Resolution No. 79714 C.M.S.; and

**WHEREAS**, the additional \$45,000 authorized by this resolution allows for FY2013/2014 – 2014/2015 grant cycle funding in an amount not to exceed \$90,000; and **LIFE ENRICHMENT CMTE.**

**WHEREAS**, staff also wishes to accept and appropriate funds not to exceed \$95,000 for the FY2015/2016 – 2016/2017 grant cycle; now therefore be it

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**RESOLVED:** That the City Administrator or his designee is hereby authorized to apply for, accept and appropriate grant funds from the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation Division of Boating and Waterways Aquatic Center Grant program in an amount not to exceed forty-five thousand dollars (\$45,000) for the remainder of the FY 2013/2014 – 2014/2015 grant cycle; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the City Administrator or his designee is hereby authorized to apply for, accept and appropriate grant funds from the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation Division of Boating and Waterways Aquatic Center Grant Program in an amount not to exceed ninety-five thousand dollars (\$95,000) for the FY 2015/2016 – 2016/2017 grant cycle; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That said grant funds will be used for OPR Boating Program equipment, scholarships, staff training, and event support; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the funds shall be placed in the Oakland Parks & Recreation Fund (2996); Organization (502350); with a Project Account to be determined and that there is no matching funds requirement associated with this grant.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, \_\_\_\_\_

**PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:**

AYES - BROOKS, GALLO, GIBSON MCELHANEY, KALB, KAPLAN, REID, SCHAAF and PRESIDENT KERNIGHAN

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
LaTonda Simmons  
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council  
of the City of Oakland, California

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