



**THE PORT
OF LOS ANGELES**
Executive Director's
Report to the

Board of Harbor Commissioners

DATE: SEPTEMBER 19, 2024

FROM: COMMUNITY RELATIONS

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION NO. _____ - APPROVAL OF COMMUNITY INVESTMENT GRANT FOR BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF THE LOS ANGELES HARBOR

SUMMARY:

Staff requests approval of the proposed agreement between the City of Los Angeles Harbor Department (Harbor Department) and Boys & Girls Clubs of the Los Angeles Harbor (Boys & Girls Club) for a Community Investment Grant supporting their educational programs (Agreement).

The Boys & Girls Club was selected through the Community Investment Grant Program process. The proposed Agreement is for two years in the amount of \$114,000 per year, for a total of \$228,000 to be approved by the Board of Harbor Commissioners (Board). The Harbor Department is financially responsible for payment of funds under the proposed Agreement.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Harbor Commissioners:

1. Find that the Director of Environmental Management has determined that the proposed action is administratively exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Article II Section 2(f) of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines;
2. Approve the proposed Community Investment Grant Agreement with Boys & Girls Clubs of the Los Angeles Harbor for a term of two years and a total not-to-exceed amount of \$228,000;
3. Authorize the Executive Director to execute and the Board Secretary to attest to the proposed Agreement; and
4. Adopt Resolution No. _____.

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DISCUSSION:

Background/Context - On March 4, 2024, the application for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024/25 Community Investment Grants was made available on the Port of Los Angeles' website. The Community Investment Grant Program, which has been in place since FY 2013/14, funds a variety of community programs benefiting both the Harbor Department and the Harbor area. The total amount awarded, including FY 2024/25 recommendations, is \$12,613,942.92. A virtual workshop for those interested in applying was held on April 10, 2024, and grant applications were due on May 6, 2024. Later that week, a six-member selection committee gathered to review the 65 grant applications that were submitted.

The selection committee consisted of three Harbor Department employees, two community representatives and one Council District 15 representative. 41 grants have been selected for funding in FY 2024/25, for a total amount of \$1,992,042.92. All grant requests of more than \$100,000 are considered "large" and are reviewed by all six members of the committee. The Boys & Girls Clubs of the Los Angeles Harbor was the only application in the large category selected for funding by the committee. The committee is recommending funding in the amount of \$114,000 per year for two years.

BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF THE LOS ANGELES HARBOR - The Boys & Girls Club of San Pedro has been serving at-risk Harbor area youth with daily programming and services since 1937. In 2004, this branch merged with the Wilmington Boys & Girls Clubs and began providing services in Wilmington as well.

For the past 17 years, they have committed themselves to serving more Wilmington youth and providing the same comprehensive programming in Wilmington as in San Pedro. Over the past 20 years, six school sites have been added to better serve the entire Harbor community. Today the Club serves as many youths in Wilmington as it does in San Pedro, if not more.

In FY 2018/19, Boys & Girls Clubs of the Los Angeles Harbor developed its Port Ocean & Land Awareness Program (P.O.L.A.) in collaboration with the Port of Los Angeles as part of the establishment of the Port Boys & Girls Club at the Liberty Hill Plaza facility in San Pedro. The P.O.L.A. program encompasses a variety of hands-on activities and lecture-learning opportunities for youth focused on the maritime industry, water-related recreation, fishing, and other ocean-related industries.

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In 2022, the Boys & Girls Club received a Community Investment Grant to extend the P.O.L.A. program to the Wilmington facility. The Wilmington P.O.L.A. program has received \$628,000 in Community Investment Grant funding from FY 2018/19 through FY 2023/24. The current grant will enable the organization to continue this program for Wilmington youth.

Agreement Requirements – All Harbor Department Community Investment Grants must be for programs/projects/events that are Tidelands Trust- compliant. They must show a nexus to these requirements, and it must be clearly explained on the application. This is not only a factor for the committee in the selection process but is also reviewed by the City Attorney's Office before final selection is confirmed. Those without a Tidelands Trust nexus cannot be supported with Harbor Department funds. The large grant awardee in this case has shown a Tidelands Trust nexus and has been reviewed by the City Attorney's Office.

The Grant Agreement states what is expected from the Grantee with respect to their program/project/event and what the Harbor Department shall get in return for the investment. This primarily is done to recognize the Harbor Department's investment in outreach materials and avenues such as the organization's website, e-blasts, flyers, etc. Additionally, where appropriate, Harbor Department participation is required - such as providing a table for Harbor Department employees, commissioners, and guests at a dinner, etc.

The Community Investment Grant oversight does not end at the writing of the check; Community Relations staff monitor grantee programs/projects/events throughout the year and a wrap-up report is required from each grant recipient by the close of the fiscal year in which they received their grant. Failure to provide a wrap-up report or follow-through on Harbor Department recognition as detailed in their Agreement will detrimentally affect future year grant opportunities should these requirements not be met.

Past Agreements - In FY 2022/23, the Board approved Agreement E7174, a two-year Community Investment Grant of \$114,000 per year, \$228,000 total funding, for its P.O.L.A. program at the Wilmington Boys & Girls Club location.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:

The proposed action is the approval of the proposed Agreement between the Harbor Department and Boys & Girls Clubs of the Los Angeles Harbor for Community Investment Grants supporting their educational programs, which is an administrative activity. Therefore, the Director of Environmental Management has determined that the proposed action is administratively exempt from the requirements of CEQA in accordance with Article II Section 2(f) of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines.

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FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Approval of the proposed grant will commit \$114,000 to Boys & Girls Clubs of the Los Angeles Harbor in each of fiscal years 2024/25 and 2025/26 for a total of \$228,000. FY 2024/25 funding in the amount of \$114,000 has been budgeted within Account 52031 (Organization & Event Sponsorship), Center 0220 (Community Relations), Program 000 (Base Budget). Funding for the following fiscal year will be requested as part of the annual budgeted adoption process, upon board approval. If future fiscal year funds are not appropriated by the Board in any subsequent fiscal year as per the Agreement, then the Agreement shall be terminated. However, such termination shall not relieve the parties of liability for any obligation previously incurred.

CITY ATTORNEY:

The Office of the City Attorney has reviewed and approved the proposed Agreement as to form and legality.

TRANSMITTALS:

1. Agreement - Boys & Girls Club of the Los Angeles Harbor Area

FIS Approval: JS
CA Approval: SO



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