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SUBJECT: KAISER PERMANENTE GRANT FOR OPERATION SPLASH 2026 AND 2027 –
APPROVAL OF SUBMISSION OF GRANT APPLICATION FOR AQUATICS
PROGRAMMING; ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS IF AWARDED

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General Manager

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If Approved: Board President [Signature]

Board Secretary [Signature]

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Authorize the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) to submit a two-year grant application to Kaiser Permanente for the Operation Splash Program in 2026 and 2027 (Grant) in the amount of \$408,000;
2. Authorize RAP's General Manager to accept the Grant funds, if awarded, from Kaiser Permanente in support of aquatics programming, subject to the approval of the Mayor and City Council pursuant to Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 14.6;
3. Direct RAP staff to transmit a copy of the Grant documents to the Mayor, Office of the City Administrative Officer (CAO), Office of the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA), and the City Clerk for Council Committee and City Council for approval of the Grant pursuant to Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 14.6 et seq. as may be amended;
4. Designate RAP's General Manager or designee as the agent to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all Grant documents, including but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, and payment requests, which may be necessary for the acceptance and use of Grant funds;
5. Authorize RAP's Chief Accounting Employee or designee to establish the necessary account and/or to appropriate funding received within "Recreation and Parks Grant" Fund 205 to accept the Grant funds in the amount of \$408,000.00 for aquatics programming; and
6. Authorize RAP's Chief Accounting Employee or designee to make any technical corrections as necessary to carry out the intent of this Report.

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6. Authorize RAP's Chief Accounting Employee or designee to make any technical corrections as necessary to carry out the intent of this Report.

SUMMARY

In anticipation of the 2026 and 2027 summer seasons, Kaiser Permanente (Kaiser) invited RAP to apply for a new two-year grant totaling \$408,000. The grant application deadline is January 20, 2026. If awarded, the grant performance period will cover 24 months.

Similar to previous years, the 2026-2027 Kaiser Operation Splash grant will fund free swimming lessons for adults and youth, subsidize Junior Lifeguard program participation, and provide additional funding for RAP aquatic programs and related activities at RAP pool sites. Over the two-year grant period, RAP anticipates being able to serve approximately 6,400 youth and 3,200 adults through the Learn-to-Swim Program and 1,560 youth through the Junior Lifeguard Program. Objectives for the 2026 and 2027 programs include:

- 1) Increasing opportunities for safe physical activities for youth from low-income neighborhoods where health disparities are vast and opportunities for safe physical activity are often limited;
- 2) Teaching youth and adults basic water safety and swimming skills to prevent drowning;
- 3) Promoting lifelong physical activity; and
- 4) Promoting healthy beverage choices.

For two decades, Kaiser has provided RAP with annual grants to support aquatic services throughout the City. Previously, Kaiser awarded RAP a two-year grant totaling \$408,000 to support the Operation Splash Program during summer 2024 and 2025.

FISCAL IMPACT

Acceptance of this grant from Kaiser does not require RAP to provide matching funds; therefore, it would not impact RAP's General Fund.

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