



REPORT TO COUNCIL

City of Sacramento

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CONSENT

November 3, 2009

Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

Title: Agreements: The 4th "R" State Grants

Location/Council District: Multiple locations within and outside the City limits

Recommendation: Adopt a **Resolution 1)** authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement and any extensions, amendments, reapplications or other related documents with the State of California as necessary for the City to accept up to \$1,000,000 in funding for a one-year General Child Care and Development Program grant to The 4th "R" child care program during Fiscal Year (FY) 2009/10; **2)** authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement and any extensions, amendments, reapplications or other related documents with the State of California as necessary for the City to accept up to \$323,613 in funding for a one-year Extended Day Care/Latchkey grant for The 4th "R" child care program during FY2009/10; **3)** authorizing the City Manager or the City Manager's designee to execute and submit, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney, all documents necessary for the City to apply for, accept and modify General Child Care and Development and Extended Day Care/Latchkey grant funding from the State of California to allow continuation of The 4th "R" child care program through June 30, 2012; **4)** authorizing the City Manager or designee to adjust the necessary operating revenue and expenditure budgets to implement the grant agreements; and **5)** approving the Resolution required by the State agency that funds the grants.

Contact: David Mitchell, Operations Manager, 808-6076; Alan Tomiyama, Recreation Manager, 808-8958

Presenters: N/A

Department: Parks and Recreation

Division: Recreation

Organization No: 19001621

Description/Analysis

Issue: The Parks and Recreation Department's The 4th "R" child care program has been providing subsidies to parents of modest income for many years with funds provided by grants from the California Department of Education. The State has sent to the City agreements for the next year of grant funding through June 30, 2010. City Council is being asked to authorize the City Manager to sign the

agreements and future agreements for grant funding through June 30, 2012.

Policy Considerations: Continued participation in The 4th "R" child care program is consistent with the City's strategic plan to enhance livability.

Environmental Considerations:

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA): This report concerns administrative activities that will not have any significant effect on the environment and that do not constitute a "project," as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) [CEQA Guidelines (Title 14 Cal. Code Reg. § 15000 et seq.) sections 15061(b)(3); 15378(b)(2)].

Sustainability Considerations: Approval for the signature of the grant agreements is not applicable to the goals, policies and targets of the Sustainability Master Plan or the 2030 General Plan.

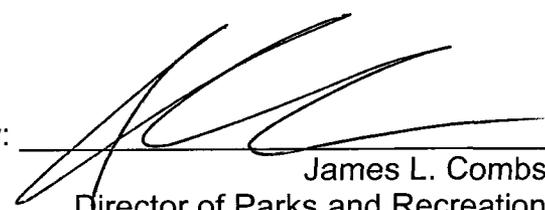
Commission/Committee Action: None

Rationale for Recommendation: Signing the agreements to accept continued State funding for the subsidies will allow approximately 300 elementary school children to continue to participate in The 4th "R" child care program at a significantly reduced or free rate that their parents would not normally be able to afford.

Financial Considerations: The State has awarded the City up to \$1,000,000 for the General Child Care and Development Program grant and up to \$323,613 for the Extended Day Care/Latchkey grant in FY2009/10 to fund parent subsidies for The 4th "R" child care program. In order to earn this amount, parents who qualify for the subsidy must seek child care services for their children at one of the 17 City-operated locations authorized to accept subsidy enrollments. Once a parent qualifies, their child's day care expense is fully or nearly fully covered by the State grant, subject to some limitations on use. All funds used in The 4th "R" child care program are in The 4th "R" Fund 6012. No General Fund money is used or required in The 4th "R" child care program. The Extended Day Care/Latchkey grant is ending this year and the State has indicated that the State may pay only about \$55,000 of the \$323,613. City staff is making changes in the administration of the program to limit the impact to the parents of the reduction of subsidy funds.

Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD): Purchase of supplies and equipment will be made in accordance with the City's Emerging and Small Business Development program requirements.

Respectfully submitted by: 
David Mitchell
Operations Manager

Approved by: 
James L. Combs
Director of Parks and Recreation

Recommendation Approved:


for Ray Kerridge, City Manager

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Attachment 1

Background

The 4th "R" child care program, operated by the Department of Parks and Recreation, continues to grow with the population of Sacramento, and provides a consistently high quality and valuable service to 2,700 Sacramento families. In operation since 1986, The 4th "R" currently operates programs on 24 elementary school campuses of the Natomas, Robla, Sacramento City and Twin Rivers school districts.

Child care services are provided before, during and after school hours, from 7:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. throughout the year. Eighty to eighty-five percent of the children are served at competitive market rates, including those whose parents have been referred to alternative funding sources that share the costs with the parents. The remaining fifteen to twenty percent qualify for free or greatly reduced rates funded by the two State grants which are the subject of this report.

The General Child Care and Development Program grant and the Extended Day Care/Latchkey grant differ in several technical respects based on employee staffing patterns as it relates to employee qualifications.

Parent subsidies are available on a sliding scale based on the parents' need for day care services and the parents' income. Subsidies are only available at specific day care sites based on State requirements and customer patterns. Subsidies for child care expenses available through the grant funds typically range from \$120 to \$415 per month for one child and are higher for families with more children in day care. The average subsidy amount for one child is \$260 per month. Even this modest amount allows parents to work or attend school feeling confident that their children are in a safe and supervised learning and fun environment.

The agreements are available for review in the City Clerk's Office.

RESOLUTION NO.
Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

APPROVING THE 4TH "R" STATE GRANT AGREEMENTS

BACKGROUND

- A. The Parks and Recreation Department's The 4th "R" child care program has provided a consistently high quality and valuable service since 1986. Child care services are provided before, during and after school hours, from 7:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. throughout the year. The program serves approximately 2,700 children each year at programs on 24 elementary school campuses.
- B. The 4th "R" child care program has been providing subsidies to parents of modest income for many years with funds provided by grants from the California Department of Education. The subsidies allow approximately 300 elementary school children to continue to participate in The 4th "R" child care program at a significantly reduced or free rate that their parents would not normally be able to afford.
- C. The State has sent to the City agreements for the next year of grant funding through June 30, 2010. City Council is being asked to authorize the City Manager to sign the agreements and future agreements for grant funding through June 30, 2012.
- D. The 4th "R" child care program operates within The 4th "R" Fund 6012. No General Fund money is used or required.
- E. City Council authorization is required for the City Manager to execute the agreements.

BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

- Section 1. The City Manager is authorized to execute an agreement and any extensions, amendments, reapplications or other related documents with the State of California as necessary for the City to accept up to \$1,000,000 in funding for a one-year General Child Care and Development Program grant to The 4th "R" child care program during Fiscal Year (FY) 2009/10.
- Section 2. The City Manager is authorized to execute an agreement and any extensions, amendments, reapplications or other related documents with the State of California as necessary for the City to accept up to \$323,613 in funding for a one-year Extended Day Care/Latchkey grant for The 4th

"R" child care program during FY2009/10.

- Section 3. The City Manager or designee is authorized to execute and submit, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney, all documents necessary for the City to apply for, accept and modify General Child Care and Development and Extended Day Care/Latchkey grant funding from the State of California to allow continuation of The 4th "R" child development subsidy program through June 30, 2012.
- Section 4. The City Manager or designee is authorized to adjust the necessary operating revenue and expenditure budgets to implement the grant agreements.
- Section 5. The Resolution required by the State agency that funds the grants (attached as Exhibit A and made a part of this Resolution) is approved.

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Exhibit A – Resolution in a format required by the State of California

Exhibit A

RESOLUTION NO.
Adopted by the Sacramento City Council
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
CHILD DEVELOPMENT GRANT AGREEMENT APPROVAL

BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Sacramento authorizes entering into local agreements with the California Department of Education for General Child Care and Development and Extended Day Care/Latchkey grant funding through June 30, 2012, and that the persons who are listed below are authorized to sign the agreements for the City of Sacramento.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>SIGNATURE</u>
Ray Kerridge	City Manager	_____
Cassandra H. B. Jennings	Assistant City Manager	_____
James L. Combs	Director of Parks and Recreation	_____

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2009, by the City Council of the City of Sacramento of Sacramento County, California.

I, _____, Clerk of the City Council of the City of Sacramento of Sacramento County, California, certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the said City Council at a regular meeting thereof held at a regular public place of meeting and the resolution is on file in the office of the City Clerk.

City Clerk's signature

Date