

November 10, 2010

ITEM NO. C2

**RECOMMENDATION TO ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL
AGREEMENT WITH THE CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT**

To the Honorable Board of Commissioners:

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of Commissioners authorize the Chief Executive Officer or his designee to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the Chicago Park District (CPD) for the period of January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011 in an amount not-to-exceed \$400,000 to ensure that residents of Chicago Housing Authority (CHA) have continued access to year-round recreational programs.

FUNDING

General Fund

Contractor:	Chicago Park District 541 North Fairbanks Chicago, IL 60661
IGA Term:	January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011
IGA Amount:	\$ 400,000

EXPLANATION

CPD provides year-round recreational programs for the benefit of City of Chicago residents. The current IGA between CHA and CPD, which expires on December 31, 2010, has had a positive impact on thousands of CHA youth who otherwise may not have been able to participate in CPD programs due to cost. In 2010, more than 1,700 CHA youth attended summer day camps through the Park District. CHA and CPD have expanded programming to include year-round services at a reduced cost to residents of CHA. The expanded services allow youth to participate in CPD's recreational after-school "Park Kids" programs in the fall, winter, and spring.

During 2010, CHA youth (age 15) participated in a summer recreational/learning program called Counselor-in-Training (CIT). Participants worked 20 hours per week at an hourly rate of \$8.25 per hour for a period of eight (8) weeks at a local park in their home community. Teens who participated will be eligible to apply as Recreational Leaders through the Park District when they reach age 16. In addition, CHA and CPD responded to the Chicago Public Schools "E schedule" (schools that have moved to a year round schedule with frequent shorter breaks throughout the year instead of a longer summer vacation) by piloting a fall and winter "vacation camp." These camps assist parents who are working by offering something safe and constructive for their children to do during the Track E school breaks.

During 2010 CHA and the Park District have collaborated to improve participation and programs at two key parks (Carver Park, serving Altgeld Gardens and Williams Park, serving Dearborn Homes). The collaboration brought other key stakeholders together to work on improving the parks including the Local Advisory Councils, FamilyWorks, CAPS and the Chicago Public Schools. Among the results, participation in the swimming program at Carver Park and Williams Park increased. In addition, a new teen softball league was initiated (Windy City Sluggers) which resulted in 120 (age 13-15) youth participating in an eight park league.

Finally, CHA is also leveraging our partnership with the Park District to encourage participation in additional Park District programs (e.g. Little League and Pony League, basketball, soccer, Junior Bears football). In 2010, more than 500 CHA youth participated in these programs located in or near CHA developments.

In 2011, the IGA will allow CHA and CPD to continue year round services described above at reduced costs to CHA families. Additionally, in 2011 the camp voucher program will be expanded to include teens up to 17 years of age, allowing them to partake in activities such as teen clubs located at parks throughout the City of Chicago. In 2011 CPD will be enhancing the teen clubs at parks located around CHA properties to accommodate the anticipated increase in participation through the voucher program. Additional programming will be added for CHA youth in 2011 including, but not limited to, an expanded softball program, Jr. Bears Football and other CPD activities and initiatives. It is anticipated that this new level of collaboration will continue to yield new and enhanced programming and increased participation.

Based on the foregoing, it is in the best interest of the CHA to enter into an IGA for the period of January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011 in an amount not-to-exceed \$400,000 to provide access to recreational programs for CHA youth year-round.

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-CHA-155

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has reviewed the Board Letter dated November 10, 2010, entitled “RECOMMENDATION TO ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT”;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHICAGO HOUSING AUTHORITY

THAT the Board of Commissioners authorizes the Chief Executive Officer or his designee to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Chicago Park District for the period of January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011 in an amount not-to-exceed \$400,000 to provide access to recreational programs for CHA youth year-round.

