



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING**

#13-0168

TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Lee Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: February 5, 2013

TITLE: Motion approving acceptance of a grant from the United States Tennis Association, Grassroots Wheelchair Program, on behalf of the Parks and Recreation Department Tennis Program, in the amount \$4,300.

Recommendation

It is recommended the City Commission approve a motion authorizing the proper city officials to accept a grant from the United States Tennis Association (USTA) and execute any documents required to accept funds between the USTA and the City of Fort Lauderdale.

Background

On October 30, 2012 the Parks and Recreation Department submitted a grant application to the United States Tennis Association (USTA) Grassroots Wheelchair Program for a USTA grant. On December 6, 2012 staff learned that a grant was approved in the amount of \$4,300.

The USTA awards grants to organizations promoting the growth of wheelchair tennis and the use of the sport of tennis, to build stronger and healthier communities. The USTA program target communities that are growing wheelchair tennis programs in their local area. Currently, the Department does not offer opportunities for physical activity for wheelchair-bound populations.

The grant will support the purchase of two sports wheelchairs. The Department will coordinate programs for multigenerational users at all levels of ability, providing rehabilitative, recreational, and competitive activities. The sports chairs will also be an added bonus to help disabled veterans re-acclimate to healthy outdoor activity. The wheelchairs will be available for use free of charge allowing the disabled to “sample” the sport.

Special Conditions

The grant program does not require the execution of a formal agreement for acceptance of awarded funds; instead, upon receipt of a signed W-9 the City will receive a check for grant funds.

Resource Impact

There is a positive fiscal impact to the City in the amount of \$4,300. No cash match was required. Funds are being appropriated through companion item 13-0112

Related CAM(s): #13-0112

Attachment:
EX 1 – Award Letter

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