



# CITY OF INGLEWOOD

## OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER



**DATE:** October 22, 2013

**TO:** Mayor and Council Members

**FROM:** Parks, Recreation and Library Services

**SUBJECT:** Sponsorship of A-MAN, Inc. STEM 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Lights On Afterschool Community Science and Technology Resource Fair.

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### **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the Mayor and Council Members approve sponsorship of the A-MAN, Inc, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Lights on Afterschool Community Science and Technology Resource Fair. (Grant Funds)

### **BACKGROUND:**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Lights on Afterschool Community Science and Technology Resource Fair will take place on Saturday, November 16, 2013, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the A-MAN, Inc., STEM International Science Center located at 101 S. La Brea Avenue. The purpose of this event is to highlight the importance of afterschool programs in keeping kids safe, inspiring them to learn and helping working families. The event, which will introduce youth to careers in science, technology, engineering, and math, will feature children's performances, science experiments, robotics demonstrations, giveaways, celebrity guests, health screenings and much more.

The event organizers are Dr. Bettye Walker and Hildreth (Hal) Walker, Co-founders of the A-MAN, Inc., STEM International Science Center. Hal and Dr. Bettye Walker are the STEM Initiative co-chairs for the 51<sup>st</sup> State Assembly District and the 26<sup>th</sup> State Senatorial District. A retired Hughes Aircraft Company aerospace veteran of over 37 years, Mr. Walker now serves the community as a NASA/JPL Solar System Ambassador where he speaks at local schools, gatherings and space related events regarding on-going developing space sciences and engages minority students in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) activities. Dr. Bettye Walker is a former professor at Howard University and internationally recognized educator, who was the director of the educational research project funded by the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) of which A-MAN is product.

The Walkers have utilized the A-MAN, Inc., 24,000 sq/ft STEM Center Headquarters as an after school, weekend and summer academy providing unique technologies and educational experiences for K-12 students here in Inglewood, Los Angeles County, across the country and in South Africa for over 20 years.

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**DISCUSSION:**

The A-MAN, Inc. 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Lights on Afterschool Community Science and Technology Resource Fair is part of a national celebration of afterschool programs held annually and including one million Americans and more than 7,500 communities. The A-MAN Lights On event is expected to attract over 1000 students from Inglewood and surrounding communities.

The event organizers are seeking sponsorship from the City in the form of shuttle service. Specifically, three para-transit vans and drivers will be provided to transport families from Inglewood Unified School District sites to the A-MAN Center and back to the school sites. Additionally, the event organizers are requesting use of the City Hall Parking Structure (top level), and assistance with getting the word out about this event through the distribution of flyers at City facilities and via the City's website.

Activities will take place indoors at the STEM Center Headquarters and outdoors between the Headquarters Parking Lot and top level of the City Hall Parking Structure. The parking structure is just steps away from the Headquarters.

The event will be supported by A-Man staff and volunteers. A-Man will be required to provide proof of insurance to City standards. In exchange for the shuttles, and facility usage, the City will be listed as an event co-sponsor.

**FINANCIAL/FUNDING ISSUES AND SOURCES:**

AMAN's budget for this event is \$10,000 which includes cash and in-kind sponsorships from Boeing, West Basin Municipal Water District, Lemelson Foundation, National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE), California State University, Los Angeles College of Engineering, and SpaceX.

The estimated cost for City sponsorship will not exceed \$1,225. This includes three shuttles (at \$375 each [vehicle, gas and staff]), \$1,125 in total, and two staff (4 hrs. each at \$12.50/hr.), \$100 in total. Funds are available in the 2013-2014 fiscal year budget under Account Code No 062-070-7054-11001.01 (Grants, PRLS – Transportation).

**LEGAL REVIEW VERIFICATION:** 

This report, in its entirety, has been submitted to, reviewed and approved by the Office of the City Attorney.

**FINANCE REVIEW VERIFICATION:** 

This report, in its entirety, has been submitted to, reviewed and approved by the Finance Department.

**DESCRIPTION OF ANY ATTACHMENTS:**

NONE.

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**APPROVAL VERIFICATION SHEET**

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