



# City of Newark

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## Legislation Text

File #: 15-1068, Version: 1

**Dept/ Agency:** Neighborhood & Recreational Services

**Action:** ( X ) Ratifying ( X ) Authorizing ( ) Amending

**Type of Service:** Application for, and Acceptance of, Grant Funds

**Purpose:** To provide swimming instructions to at least 300 City of Newark children 6-17 years of age from all wards.

**Entity Name:** USA Swimming Foundation

**Entity Address:** 1 Olympic Plaza, Colorado Springs, CO 80909

**Grant Amount:** \$7,000.00

**Funding Source:** USA Swimming Foundation, Make a Splash Program

**Total Project Cost:** \$7,000.00

**City Contribution:** No municipal funds required

**Other Funding Source/Amount:** N/A

**Contract Period:** March 25, 2015, through December 31, 2015

**Contract Basis:** ( ) Bid ( ) State Vendor ( ) Prof. Ser. ( ) EUS

( ) Fair & Open ( ) No Reportable Contributions ( ) RFP ( ) RFQ

( ) Private Sale ( X ) Grant ( ) Sub-recipient ( ) n/a

**Additional Information:**

**WHEREAS**, drowning is the second leading cause of accidental death in children under the age of 14; and

**WHEREAS**, the youth drowning rate for African-American and Hispanic/Latino children is more than double the national average, and nearly 6 out of 10 African-American and Hispanic/Latino children are unable to swim; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Newark's Department of Neighborhood and Recreational Services, Division of Recreation, desires to continue to provide quality, multi-level learn-to-swim programs that will provide swimming instructions to City of Newark children 6-17 years of age from all wards, thereby expanding opportunities for at-risk children to learn to swim and to use the sport of swimming to expand fitness and recreational opportunities; and

**WHEREAS**, the USA Swimming Foundation operates a "Make a Splash Program," which is a national child-focused water safety initiative that offers grants to assist the nation's learn-to-swim providers in an effort to save lives, reduce youth drowning, especially among minorities, and to create opportunities for children of all economic and ethnic backgrounds to learn to swim; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 18, 2015, on behalf of the City of Newark, the Director of Neighborhood and Recreational Services, submitted an application to the USA Swimming Foundation, Make a Splash Program, requesting grant funding in the amount of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) in order to provide City of Newark children, 6-17 years of age, with swimming

instruction (a copy of the application is attached hereto and made a part hereof); and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of this application, the City of Newark was awarded a grant in the amount of Seven Thousand Dollars (\$7,000.00) from the USA Swimming Foundation, Make a Splash Program, for the purpose of providing at least 300 City of Newark children, 6-17 years of age, with swimming instruction for the period commencing on March 25, 2015, and terminating on December 31, 2015, with the grant funds to be used to cover instructor salaries only (a copy of the grant award letter is attached hereto and made a part hereof); and

**WHEREAS**, although the grant application was for an amount greater than that which was awarded, the Department of Neighborhood and Recreational Services accordingly scaled back the learn-to-swim program so that its cost does not exceed the Seven Thousand Dollars (\$7,000.00) in grant funds; and

**WHEREAS**, the City must execute a grant agreement with USA Swimming Foundation, Make a Splash Program, in order to obtain the grant award, and on April 14, 2015, the Director of the Department of Neighborhood and Recreational Services did execute such an agreement (a copy of the agreement is attached hereto and made a part hereof); and

**WHEREAS**, the program to provide swimming instructions to City of Newark children is not a new or expanded municipal program, but is a continuation of previously existing programs; and

**WHEREAS**, no City matching funds or commitment of municipal resources are required to accept the grant funds.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY, THAT:**

1. The Mayor of the City of Newark, and/or his designee, the Director of the Department of Neighborhood and Recreational Services, are hereby authorized to submit an application to USA Swimming Foundation, Make a Splash Program, requesting grant funding in the amount of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) for the purpose of providing City of Newark children 6-17 years of age with swimming instruction, with no City funds required, and with the grant funds being used to cover instructor salaries only.
2. The Municipal Council hereby ratifies its authorization of the above-described application from the date of application submission to the date of adoption of this authorizing resolution.
3. The Mayor and/or his designee, the Director of the Department of Neighborhood and Recreational Services, are hereby authorized to enter into and execute a grant agreement with USA Swimming Foundation, Make a Splash Program, to receive and expend the grant award in the amount of Seven Thousand Dollars (\$7,000.00) for the purpose of providing at least 300 City of Newark children 6-17 years of age with swimming instruction, for the grant period commencing on March 25, 2015, and terminating on December 31, 2015.
4. The Municipal Council hereby ratifies its authorization to execute the grant agreement from April 14, 2015, to the date of adoption of this authorizing resolution, and the agreement itself is hereby ratified from March 25, 2015, to the date of adoption of this authorizing resolution.

5. The grant award in the amount of Seven Thousand Dollars (\$7,000.00) from USA Swimming Foundation, Make a Splash Program, is hereby accepted.
6. No municipal funds or resources are required for receipt or acceptance of this grant award.
7. The Director of the Department of Neighborhood and Recreational Services shall file a fully-executed copy of the grant application, the grant award letter and the grant agreement in the Office of the City Clerk.

### **STATEMENT**

This resolution: [1] authorizes and ratifies the actions taken by the Director of the Department of Neighborhood and Recreational Services to submit an application for grant funding to the USA Swimming Foundation, Make a Splash Program, for the purpose of providing City of Newark children 6-17 years of age with swimming instruction; [2] authorizes and ratifies the Mayor and/or his designee, the Director of Neighborhood and Recreational Services, to enter into an agreement with the USA Swimming Foundation in order to obtain the grant funds in the amount of Seven Thousand Dollars (\$7,000.00), with a grant period commencing on March 25, 2015, and terminating on December 31, 2015; and [3] accepts the grant funds. No municipal funds or resources are required for receipt or acceptance of the grant award.