



Edwin M. Lee, Mayor  
Philip A. Ginsburg, General Manager

**Date:** July 24, 2013  
**To:** Recreation and Park Commission  
**From:** Lisa Bransten  
Director of Partnerships  
**Re:** Crab Fest 2013

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### **Agenda Item Wording**

Discussion and possible action to accept up to \$76,000 from the San Francisco Parks Alliance generated by the Crab Fest event in February to support the department's scholarship program.

### **Background**

On February 28, 2013 the San Francisco Parks Alliance, in partnership with the Recreation and Parks Department (RPD), hosted a crab dinner at the United Irish Cultural Center in order to raise money for the RPD scholarship program. This event was started by Supervisor Sean Elsbernd and in recent years has raised much-needed funds for worthy causes. Funds from this year's event will help support the thousands of low-income youth, adults and seniors who rely on the RPD scholarship program in order to participate the Rec and Park department's high quality programs at low or no cost.

Both the popularity of Recreation and Parks programming and the continued economic difficulties of many San Francisco residents have contributed to increasing scholarship costs to the department. In the 2012-2013 fiscal year, the department awarded more than \$910,000 in scholarship benefits, a 16% increase over the previous year. In the same period, the department provided 7,703 scholarship registrations, a 14% increase over the previous year.

Projects like the Crab Fest are an important way that RPD offsets the cost of the scholarship program and therefore lives up to its mission of providing engaging recreational activities to San Franciscans regardless of their ability to pay. The department is grateful to all who came and contributed to the event and to the Parks Alliance for its partnership on this project

### **Financial Impact**

Up to \$76,000

### **Supported by**

Department Management and Staff

### **Opposed By**

No known at this time



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